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## SPECIAL NEWCOMER'S EDITION



Welcome to Korea - the 'Assignment of Choice'

Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome newcomers to Korea. If this is your first assignment to Korea, you can look forward to an exciting and wondrous experience in the Land of the Morning Calm.

Korea is an ancient nation with a history of over 5,000 years. Recent history has seen this nation reduced to ashes only 56 years ago. Today, remnants of the devastation of the Korea War are not to be found, but you will readily note that the Republic of Korea remains in an Armistice with their brothers to the north.

Life here has changed dramatically over the past few decades. South Korea has developed into a vibrant nation that competes in the international arena, having the 11th largest Gross Domestic Product in the world, and the largest ship building facility to be found anywhere.

For those coming back to Korea, you'll see the best the Army as to offer. From your first day in Korea, you'll become a part of a new vision of making life better for Soldiers, civilian employees and family members. Army lodges, Army Community Services, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are just a few of the

programs that contribute significantly to the assignment of choice.

Korea is a land of change, and our military structure is also changing for the better. The Installation Management Agency-Korea Region is in its fourth year of improving the way the Army manages installations and influences quality of life here on the peninsula. The Korea Region Office is one of seven Installation Management Agency regions worldwide that produce highly effective, state-of-the art installations, maximizing support to people, readiness and transformation.

As you work, live and travel to any one of the 41 installations in our four Areas, you will notice that while warfighters concentrate on training, we are the single point of focus for day-to-day installation management, sustaining and improving facilities across those



Brig. Gen. H.T. Landwermer Jr.  
IMA-Korea Region director

installations, and increasing quality of life standards for those we support.

For those anticipating or contemplating an assignment to Korea, this special edition is designed to ease any uncertainties you may have and give you a brief, up-to-date image of what you will find here in the Land of the Morning Calm.

For those assigned here now, this special edition of The Morning Calm Weekly will highlight what makes Korea the Assignment of Choice.

Our motto is "Sustain, Support and Defend." We maintain a strong partnership with the 8th U.S. Army in order to defend the Republic of Korea and

maintain the United States and Republic of Korea alliance while supporting you with the best quality installation management available today.

We look forward to serving you. Hooah!

H.T. Landwermer Jr.  
Brig. Gen., USA  
Director, KORO

INSIDE THE

Planning ahead can help insure smooth PCS move

By Capt. Mary A. Leavitt  
KORONET

Permanent Change of Station moves are an inevitable part of life for military personnel and their families. Shipment of household goods can be one of the more difficult parts of those moves. Taking a few precautions before the movers arrive at your home can help alleviate some of the anxiety and ensure you will be fairly compensated if your property is lost or damaged.

Document Your Property

Before the movers arrive take a few simple steps to document what you own. Collect receipts and appraisals for valuable items. Take photographs of your property or, better yet, take a videotape of everything in your home. This will help you show not only what you own, but what condition it was in before the move.

If you have a large CD collection be sure to take pictures not only of the CD jackets but also the CDs themselves.

Ensure that your receipts, appraisals, photos and videotapes are NOT shipped with your property; leave them with a relative, hand carry them or mail them separately from your household goods.

Consider Insurance Options

If your property is lost or destroyed, the Army claims office will only be able to pay you the depreciated value of your property. This is calculated by taking the cost of replacing your property and then depreciating this value by a set percentage per year.

The Army claims office also has maximum amounts that it can pay for certain items. For example, the maximum amount payable for stereo equipment is \$1,000 per item and \$4,000 per shipment. If this is not adequate, you may consider obtaining private insurance.

Although movers offer such insurance for shipments within the United States, this service is generally not available for overseas shipments.

Some private insurance companies offer coverage for household goods. Before you purchase such coverage, ensure that it will apply to your specific situation.

Set Aside Special Items

Before the movers arrive, ensure that you have set aside any items that you do not want shipped. You should plan on hand carrying small valuable items such as jewelry. Likewise, cash and coin collections should never be shipped; you will not be able to recover anything if they are lost or stolen.

Receipts and other documentation of what you own should be left with a relative or mailed separately. Items you do not want shipped should be locked in a location where the movers cannot get to them.

Supervise Movers

When the movers arrive be sure to watch how they are packing your property. Pay particular attention to the inventory. Ensure that electronic and

valuable items are properly listed. You do not want your \$500 MP3 player, which was placed in the box with stuffed animals to be listed as "stuffed animals."

The movers will list preexisting damage to your furniture using a special code that is explained at the top of the inventory. For example "BR 2" may indicate that the bottom of a piece of furniture is broken. If you disagree with the description of damage, annotate your disagreement at the bottom of the inventory. Do not sign the inventory until you have carefully reviewed it.

High Value Items

Some movers may offer you a form to list all items that have a value of \$100 or more. USE IT! Why? Because both you and the carrier will sign the form acknowledging that they exist and that they are of the value claimed.

This form will accompany your

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Sustain, Support and Defend

# KATUSA Program - a symbol of U.S., Korea alliance

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In Korea, healthy males must serve in the military for a period of at least two years. Some of these young men perform their obligation to their country by becoming integrated into the 8th U.S. Army through a unique program known as Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army.

KATUSA Soldiers are Republic of Korea Army soldiers who serve under the U.S. chain of command, but are commanded by the ROK Army in personnel management.

The KATUSA program began in July 1950, through an informal agreement between the ROK president and Gen. Douglas MacArthur to augment U.S. forces during the early stages of the Korean War. Until 1982, KATUSA Soldiers were selected from either the Army Basic Military Training Center or cadres of ROK Army units.

Currently, KATUSA Soldiers are chosen randomly among a pool comprised of those who



SPC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Like their American counterparts, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers wear their nation's flag on their shoulder.

have demonstrated English proficiency as measured by a standardized test.

The KATUSA program is important because KATUSA Soldiers comprise approximately 10 percent of the total 8th U.S. Army

manpower in Korea, with more than 3,500 KATUSA Soldiers serving side-by-side with U.S. Soldiers.

The program also serves as a combat multiplier and increases combat readiness for the U.S. and ROK combined defense capability

throughout the Korean peninsula.

In addition, the program is symbolic of the U.S. and ROK friendship and mutual support system.

Because of their limited service time, KATUSA Soldiers have a promotion system that differs from U.S. Soldiers.

While their American counterparts gain promotion by amassing points and attending boards, KATUSA Soldiers serve in a rank for a specified period of time and are then automatically promoted to the next highest rank. For example, they serve six months as a private, six months as a private first class, six months as a corporal and six months as a sergeant.

KATUSA Soldiers are allowed leave time when they are promoted and can earn passes for outstanding job performance. They are also granted passes for emergencies and extenuating family circumstances.

Five major missions the ROKA staff office has are KATUSA management, KATUSA discipline, ROKA-directed training, U.S. and ROK friendship activities and U.S. and ROK liaison work.

KATUSA-U.S. Soldier Friendship Week is an annual event designed to help U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers work together to have a better understanding of each other's importance. Each area will be setting aside time to share their cultures during the KATUSA and U.S. Soldier Friendship Week. A variety of sports, entertainment and cultural events will be held.

In the more than 55 years since the KATUSA program began, more than 250,000 Koreans have served their country as KATUSA Soldiers. It is a tradition that strengthens their country and the U.S. -ROK military alliance.

## Understanding differences improves alliance

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While Korean Augmentation to the United States Soldiers have a good working knowledge of basic English, it should be noted that they are Korean, not American, and that they may still have some difficulty with English and in understanding the differences between American and Korean customs and culture -- just as U.S. personnel must adjust to their host nation's culture.

The following are some of the most important aspects of these cultural differences.

■ **Physical contact** - Koreans tend to stand close together when they talk or walk, and they might seem pushy in public. The misunderstanding arises because Koreans don't recognize personal space in the same way Americans might.

■ **Personal questions** - It is normal for Koreans to ask someone his or her age, marital

status and other personal questions when meeting for the first time. While foreigners might consider this impolite, to Koreans it is simply the easiest way to get to know someone.

■ **Holding hands and dancing with the same gender** - Americans are shocked when they see Koreans walking and holding hands or dancing with someone of the same sex.

To Americans these actions are regarded as homosexual. However, in Korea, it simply shows deep friendship.

■ **Hugging an unknown child** - Parents often get a little nervous when strangers touch or hug their children. American parents should not be frightened by this behavior in Korea because it's simply a way of showing they think a child is cute.

■ **Using the index finger when beckoning** - Koreans use their index finger only when beckoning animals, not to call a person. If an American uses this gesture to summon a Korean, the person may be offended.

# AIP: Extension offers stability to units, additional pay for Soldiers, families

By Staff Sgt. Mark Porter

Korea Region Public Affairs

**YONGSAN** — Soldiers serving in Korea, or currently on orders for assignment to the Republic of Korea, have the opportunity to extend their tours in Korea one or two years and to take home a little extra money in the process, thanks to the Assignment Incentive Program.

The program, introduced March 12, 2004, was approved for extension in January of this year and will continue at least through

December 2007.

AIP was created as a way for the Army to cut down on Change of Station costs and to improve stability in Korea by keeping quality Soldiers here longer.

"This program was a (U.S. Forces Korea) 'Assignment of Choice' initiative intended to improve the quality of life for Soldiers by providing an opportunity to have a say in their assignment process, while providing a great source of stability and reduction of turbulence in the force across the

theater," said Chief Warrant Officer Marc Garduno, Chief, Strength Actions Branch, Eighth Army G1.

Garduno, who is enrolled in the program, said that since its introduction, AIP has been a definite success. "To date, we estimate the overall savings of the program at over \$59 million to the Army while providing more stability to units, Soldiers, and families."

In the past two years since the program began, over 14,300 Soldiers voluntarily extended their tours under the program. Today,

there are over 7,600 Soldiers serving in Korea under the AIP program.

"The monetary benefits were obviously a factor but the bigger advantage to AIP is the stability it offers my family," said Lt. Col. Bruce Stephens, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, who is in Korea on an accompanied, two-year tour and extended for two additional years. "AIP lets us stay

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# Getting educated about DoDDS in Republic of Korea

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### Registration

Registration for new students for school year 2006-2007 will be ongoing throughout the summer recess. All new families are encouraged to register as soon as they arrive in Seoul at the Community Services Building, Bldg. 4106 located across the street from Dragon Hill Lodge and adjacent to Popeye's. For schools other than Seoul, you will take all paperwork directly to the school office to register your students.

The registration office is open Monday through Friday from 7-11 a.m. and noon - 4 p.m. You will need to bring a copy of the sponsor's orders, the student's immunization records, identification cards and date of estimated return to States or extension (if applicable). You must also have sponsor and student social security numbers. Children entering grades kindergarten or first should show a birth certificate or passport. All children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Oct. 31.

If your child is not included on your orders, a copy of the Family Entry Approval will also be necessary. Navy personnel must contact Personnel Services Detachment to acquire a letter



Paige Severino (center) and her Humphreys American Elementary School classmates uses a pizza to learn radius, diameter and circumference..

stating the names of the children accompanying them. The telephone number of the Seoul registrar is 738-7707. An alternate number to obtain information regarding the schools is the Korea District Superintendent's Office at 738-5922.

### Seoul School Bus Transportation

Off-post residents should register for school bus transportation at the

same time you register for school. School bus registration is located in Building 4106, with the school registrar. For information, call 738-5032.

### Seoul American Elementary School

With classes in grades preschool to fifth grade, a staff of 113 and 1,200 students, Seoul American Elementary School is one of the largest elementary schools in the Pacific Region. Known for its extensive curriculum program, SAES also offers programs for special needs students, counseling, enrichment, English as a Second Language, Korean Immersion, Host Nation Culture, computer, media, art, music and physical education programs.

SAES offers a Sure Start program for four-year old children identified as "at risk" for educational success. This program is similar to the Head Start program implemented in many of the school districts in the United States.

Seoul American Elementary School will start at 8 a.m. and will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Students in K thru fifth grade are required to remain at school during the lunch period.

For information, visit [www.seoul\\_es.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.seoul_es.pac.dodea.edu) or call the school at 736-4613.

Principal: Don Christensen, 736-4378

### Seoul American Middle School

Seoul American Middle serves approximately 600 students in grades 6-8. A staff of 62 dedicated to the academic growth of all students provides an age appropriate program designed to meet the needs of middle school students. Seoul American Middle School starts at 8 a.m. and dismisses at 2:35 p.m. There are two lunches, noon-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-1:00 p.m.; students are required to remain on the school campus during lunch. For information, visit [www.seoul\\_ms.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.seoul_ms.pac.dodea.edu).

Principal: Darrell Mood, 736-7364736-7364

### Seoul American High School

Seoul American High School has an enrollment of approximately 700 students in grades nine through 12 and a staff of 74. SAHS offers a curriculum designed to fit the college bound student including advanced placement courses, a Professional Technical Studies program, CISCO Academy I and II, Computer Service and Support, and an Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program. There are new courses in reading, algebra support, and Chinese. Counselors will be available to schedule students Aug. 15. Seoul American High School will begin classes at 7:55 a.m., and conclude at 2:40 p.m. Lunch is from 12:30 - 1:10 p.m.

Principal: Kathleen Barbee, 738-5265

For information, visit

[www.seoul\\_hs.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.seoul_hs.pac.dodea.edu).

### Humphreys American Elementary School

Humphreys American Elementary School is located on Camp Humphreys in nearby Pyongtaek City. The school

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## Support available for transitioning students

By Susan Rowe

Korea Region MWR

**YONGSAN GARRISON** - Transition is nothing new for military families. The military family experiences many challenges each time they are required to change permanent locations.

The average student will attend four to five different school districts while the modern military child moves three times more. Approximately one third of military spouses and families are relocated every year. School Liaison and Transition Services offers a

multitude of services to help military children have a smooth transition and help connect families, schools and communities.

PCS moves, varying school-to-school academic curriculum and schedules, varying graduation and records transfer requirements, and home schooling are factors. Differences in administration, My Army Life Too: <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com/>

Military Child Education Coalition:

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where we are comfortable and saves us the trouble and uncertainty of moving again after just two years."

The popular response to the program and the cost savings associated with it were major factors in AIP's extensions past the original cutoff date. In addition to extending the program, Garduno said other changes have been made since its inception to make it more "user friendly."

Original guidelines had different sign-up windows for one- or two-year extensions. Also, Soldiers already receiving certain pay incentives were not eligible for the program.

"If Soldiers wanted to sign up for one additional year of AIP they would have to make that decision within the first 30 days in country or be forced to wait until they reached the sixth month for the next opportunity and then only be allowed to sign up for two years instead of one," Garduno said.

To make the program available to more Soldiers, the sign-up window was opened wide, and is now available to Soldiers from the day they arrive in Korea until 90 days before their DEROS or until they receive Army reassignment instructions.

With limited exceptions, all Soldiers, regardless of rank, currently stationed in Korea or on assignment instructions to Korea, can apply for the program.

For every Soldier that elects the 12-month AIP option, the Army not only saves the cost of two PCS moves, but supports the Soldier and their unit.

"The program promotes unit readiness while providing stability and predictability for Korea, the Army and the Soldier," Garduno said.

For information on AIP, contact your unit personnel section.

**"... the biggest advantage to AIP is the stability it offers my family."**

— Lt. Col. Bruce Stephens  
HHC, 501st Military Intelligence Bde.

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shipment and will be reviewed upon delivery of your goods at your new home. Use of this form will save you if your \$500 MP3 player is indeed packed in that box with the stuffed animals. If the mover does not provide a form as part of their inventory, use your own form, have the carrier review and sign it and insist that it be included with the inventory.

### After the Move

When your household goods arrive at your new duty station, inspect your shipment carefully. If you notice any lost boxes or damaged items during delivery, be sure to annotate this on the front of the DD Form 1840, a pink form the movers will give you before they depart.

After delivery you have 70 days to report any loss or damage that you discover once the movers leave: annotate this on the BACK of the pink form, which is labeled "DD Form 1840-R." Turn the form in to your nearest claims office as soon as possible.

Taking a few precautions before your move can save you a great deal of aggravation later.

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opened in 2002 for grades K to 6. There are approximately 250 students in this fast growing community. Students will also receive art, music, physical education, computer technology, and host nation instruction. There is special education, English as a Second Language and Enrichment Program for those students who qualify. A counselor and nurse will be on the staff.

Registration takes place in the school’s office throughout the year. Bus registration also is completed in the school office. (753-8894).

Principal: Donna Kacmarski, 753-8894  
For information, visit [www.humphrey\\_es.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.humphrey_es.pac.dodea.edu).

**Osan American Elementary School**

Osan American Elementary School is located on Osan Air Base, Songtan, Pyongtaek City. The school hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are approximately 375 students enrolled in Osan American Elementary School.

OAES offers the core curriculum and in addition provides English as a Second Language, Gifted Education, services for learning-impaired and communication-impaired students, art, music, physical education and Korean Culture. Extra-curricular activities are offered two days a week. Access to technology education is presented in one of two computer labs for preschool to grade six.

Registration takes place throughout the year in the main office. (784-6912) Bus registration is held in the high school.

Principal: Linda Kidd, 784-6912  
For information, visit [www.osan\\_es.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.osan_es.pac.dodea.edu).

**Osan American Middle/High School**

Osan American High School provides education for 360 students, grades seven through 12. School

hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students are bussed from Camp Humphreys to Osan American High School. Osan American High School also offers a full academic program to include Computer Service and Support technology classes for students. There is an Air Force JROTC program. Registration takes place throughout the year in the main office. (784-9076) Bus registration takes place in the Bus Registration Office in the high school. Principal: Marie Cullen, 784-9094

For information, visit [www.osan\\_hs.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.osan_hs.pac.dodea.edu).

**Taegu American School**

Taegu American School, located at Camp George, Taegu, is a unit school providing education for Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. The estimated enrollment for SY 06-07 is 675 students. The school hours are from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. There is U.S. Army JROTC for students in grades 8 to 12. High School students may also enroll in reading or algebra support classes.

Principal: Keith Henson, 768-9503  
For information, visit [www.taegu\\_un.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.taegu_un.pac.dodea.edu).

**C. T. Joy Elementary School**

C. T. Joy Elementary School is the smallest DoDDS-Korea school. It is located at the U. S. Navy Support Base at Chinhae. There are 35 students enrolled in Kindergarten to 8th grade. School begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. Itinerant special education teachers, school psychologist, information specialist and technology personnel complement and support the educational program.

Principal: Ray Paulson, 762-5466  
For information, visit [www.ctjoy\\_es.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.ctjoy_es.pac.dodea.edu).

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curriculum and standards greatly affect children’s ability to learn. As a result, gaps in education are not uncommon.

- Some functions of SLO include:
- Transition Support Services - To help ease the transfer of military children from school system to school system;
  - Partnerships in Education - Work with installation and community partners to expand services to children/youth and help them succeed in school and community life;
  - Installation/School Communication - Provide useful and accurate info by building and updating the network of school contacts and military resources;
  - Home-School Linkages/Support - Provide information and offer services that support the needs of home schoolers, (e.g., Army CYS Technology Labs, Youth Homework Centers, Fine Arts, and physical education);
  - Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities - Assist in preparing youth for the transition from high school to work/college.

Korea Region Child and Youth Services School Transition Specialist and Installation School Liaison Officers improve transitional support for children by establishing partnerships between the schools and communities, advocating for military children, increasing awareness of the unique needs of military children and providing a process to address and resolve military-specific education issues.

For information concerning School Liaison and Transition Services in Korea, visit the Korea Region School Liaison Web site at <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/slo.htm>.



## Welcome to Warrior Country

By Col. Forrest Newton

Area I Commander

**CAMPRED CLOUD** — Area I Support Activity strategically serves U.S. forces along the Korean demilitarized zone.

Our mission-driven vision is to monitor, time after time, the pulse of everyday life and to improve the quality of life for each member of our Area I community.

We are located at the “tip of the spear,” forwardly deployed against the Korean DMZ. We manage base operations for camps Casey, Hovey, Mobile, Castle and Rodriguez Range in the north, and camps Red Cloud, Stanley and Jackson in the south.

Since its activation June 12, 1995, the Area I Support Activity has had one focus: To make Korea, through sustained commitment to Soldier quality of life, the assignment of choice.

We strive to accomplish our vision through proactive, conscientious resource allocation, and by ensuring our story is known throughout the Korean and American population.

The 2nd Infantry Division, our primary tenant unit, has the mission to deter war on the Korean peninsula by maintaining a level of readiness not available to adversaries, and to ensure U.S. assistance to the Republic of Korea is “second to none.”

The CRC garrison will stand down and its organizational elements will be consolidated with Area I Headquarters Aug. 3, 2006.

The transition is currently under way to consolidate

the operational elements of Directorate of Logistics, Directorate of Public Works, and Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security directly under the Area I commander.

This consolidation will align all the resources of these respective directorates currently managed by CRC and Casey garrisons into one organization.

This new consolidated organization will align all functional elements of Area I into the new Installation Management Agency Standard Garrison Organization that will support all of Area I as a single garrison structure.

Other than some minor relocation of staff and operations, this transition into this single garrison organization will be invisible to the Soldiers and civilians living and working in Area I.

The primary goal of the reorganization is to improve the support provided to our customers.

Consistent with the history and traditions of the Army, Warrior Country Soldiers remain the centerpiece of our formations.

We strive to remain ever mindful that our Soldiers face real challenges as they find themselves separated from family, friends and loved ones, and immersed in a new culture. Yet, our Soldiers continually face their challenges with dignity and in ways the Army and our country can rightfully be proud.

Whether you are a military member, civilian employee or family member, I look forward to making your acquaintance in Warrior Country.



COURTESY PHOTO

Col. Forrest Newton, Area I commander, welcomes Tae Kwon Do Master Kim Mun ok during a New Year's reception Jan. 25.

### Camp Red Cloud shows vision for future

By Lt. Col. William Huber

Camp Red Cloud Garrison Commander

**CAMPRED CLOUD** — Welcome to the U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud. On behalf of the more than 1,500 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, Korean employees and Korean Service Corps members, we would like to welcome you to the Uijeongbu Enclave, located in the heart of “Warrior Country.”

The garrison consists of three camps. We are all members of the Warrior Country family; each worthy of being treated with dignity, respect, integrity and honesty.

We are an organization with values. We are committed to excellence in change, continuous improvement and to our customers as well.

We are an empowered workforce with an abundance of intellectual capital, focused on always doing

things ethically, legally and morally right for our customers, stakeholders and each other. We are committed to learning from and sharing with others.

Our primary stakeholder is the 2nd Infantry Division. Additionally, we support hundreds of noncommand-sponsored family members, retirees and civilian employees with a variety of services.

We partner with Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and the Defense Commissary Agency to provide the best possible standard of living in Korea.

Examples of well-being improvements include Internet at all camps, a coming renovation of CRC's Mitchell's Sports Grill, bus station, band building, Special Troops Battalion building, a Warrior Readiness Center and renovated barracks.

The garrison partners with Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers to provide recreational alternatives to our Soldiers.

Regardless if you are a Soldier, airman, civilian employee, retiree or family member, we welcome you to our Warrior Family.



Lt. Col. William Huber

### Camp Casey claims 'warrior ethos'

By Lt. Col. Terry Hodges

Camp Casey Garrison Commander

**CAMP CASEY** — Welcome to the Camp Casey Enclave. As the commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, I am fully engaged in ensuring our facilities and services provide you with a quality of life commensurate with a 21st century warrior.

Your mission, the defense of the Republic of Korea, will be at the forefront of all your military training. You will be ready to “fight tonight.”

The reward for all the hard work is a support environment that provides you with recreation alternatives, educational opportunities, and a good place to live.

At Camp Casey, for example, you find everything you might expect from a modern U.S. Army installation. Our Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center Complex is the largest such facility in Casey enclave.

Camp Casey has an outstanding golf course, two state-of-the art physical fitness centers, an outdoor Olympic-size swimming pool and a movie theater. The only USO Center in Area I is at Camp Casey.

I think you will find it's true what they say: “Camp Casey is the heart of the 2nd Infantry Division.” A prime example of Soldiers coming up with ideas and hard work to make life better is our BOSS program. Our

program brings a wealth of recreation alternatives to the table.

Each of you should get involved in the many volunteer activities during your time in Korea. I recommend you get involved in volunteering for the American Red Cross, the USO and Army Community Service.

There are a myriad of other support activities as well. We have an outstanding commissary at Camp Casey.

Camp Mobile features the Army Career and Alumni Program office, as well as the area's central issue facility.

Make a difference during your time in Korea. At Camp Casey, we are willing to go the extra mile to make your service in Korea memorable and rewarding.



Lt. Col. Terry Hodges



## MWR provides services to Soldiers, families

Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation services truly are 'Second to None,' with outstanding recreational opportunities for Soldiers, families and civilian personnel serving in the Korean peninsula. No matter if you are stationed at Camp Red Cloud, Camp Casey, Camp Castle, Camp Mobile, Camp Bonifas, Camp Hovey, Camp Stanley, Camp Jackson or anywhere else on the peninsula, there are plenty of quality Area I MWR facilities and services available for everyone to enjoy.



### MWR Clubs

You will find plenty of good things to eat and drink at MWR clubs throughout Warrior Country. At Camp Red Cloud, Mitchell's is the place to go for lunch or dinner or to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. Their outstanding \$6.95 lunch buffet is offered weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People can also order off the menu if one likes at extremely reasonable rates.

For dining, Mitchell's is open Monday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday from 5 to 11 p.m.

Camp Stanley operates the popular Reggie's facility every day except Monday. It is open Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. It is closed holidays. The bar is open Tuesday-Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday from 5 to 11 p.m. In the ballroom, enjoy nonstop music video daily from 8 p.m.

The Gateway Club at Camp Casey is the hot spot for all of Area I. The Gateway Club boasts several great food and beverage products, including Reggie's Express, Primo's Express and the latest addition, the Java Café, featuring Starbucks gourmet coffee and delicious sandwiches and wraps, desserts and more. The rock never stops in the Gateway nightclub, with DJ sounds and live entertainment on a regular basis.

The Warrior's Club at Camp Casey is another hot spot for those who want to relax and enjoy good live entertainment and great food. The famous Redwood Steak House offers fine dining with special emphasis on quality Black Angus steaks. The Redwood Steak House is open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. It is closed Monday.

A drive over to Camp Hovey is well worth it if anyone is planning to visit the Iron Triangle Club. The club is open for dining Monday-Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. The Iron Triangle Bar is open Monday-Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m. and Friday and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. It is closed Sunday.

### MWR Bowling

Bowling is very popular in Area I, with three bowling centers offering a variety of special tournaments, league play and open bowling, not to mention snack shops serving everything from our famous Hot Stuff Pizza to Mean Gene's traditional bowling cuisine of burgers, fries, pizza and more.

The Camp Stanley Bowling Center is open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. It is closed Monday, but opens during holidays.

The Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center, named the best small bowling center in the Army last year, is open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. It is closed Monday, but open holidays.

CRC Bowling Center also offers free bowling for Soldiers in uniform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays except holidays. All Soldiers have to do is rent their shoes.

The Camp Casey Bowling Center is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Bowling at the Camp Hovey Bowling Center is available Monday-Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 11 p.m. and Sunday and holidays from 1 to 10 p.m.

### MWR Golf

If golf is your thing, then Area I is the place you want to be. There are two nine-hole golf courses here, one being Camp Casey's Indian Head Golf Course, and the other Camp Red Cloud's Willows Golf Course.

The Camp Casey course is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations are required for weekend play, while it's first-come, first-to-play weekdays. Free golf lessons are offered every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Indian Head Golf Course also offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with hot wings for only 10 cents each every Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The Camp Red Cloud Golf Course is open from 7 a.m. to dusk weekdays and from 4:30 a.m. to dusk weekends and holidays.

### MWR Community Activity Centers

Area I has several Community Activity Centers for patrons to use. Each CAC offers a wide variety of tours and trips, games, Internet access, and more on an on-going basis. The Camp Red Cloud CAC, which also features the Cinnamon Street Café, is open daily from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Camp Stanley CAC offers remote-controlled car demonstrations and competition to deep-sea fishing excursions and everything in between, including pool tournaments, plastic model-building demonstrations, table games, shopping trips, amusement park trips and more. The Camp Stanley CAC is open Monday-Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Over at Camp Casey, one can find lots of pool tables, games to play, movies to watch, Halo 2 tournaments and more. The Casey CAC is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and holidays.

Camp Hovey CAC offers all-day action movies, pool tournaments, mountain hiking and more. The Hovey CAC is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



### MWR Entertainment Division

MWR Department Entertainment Division regularly delivers top quality live entertainment to Area I facilities throughout the year. rock band Mustang Sally, Christian, rock and pop artist Steven Chapman, and the rock group 'Plunge' are performing in Warrior Country in May and these performers reflect the variety of entertainment options available in Area I.

Comedy is also a major part of the Area I entertainment program, with MWR's "Comedy ROKs" scheduled every month at various club facilities. Nationally known comedians Bob Biggerstaff, Slim Bloodworth and Caroline Picard headline free Comedy Night events at camps Red Cloud, Casey, Hovey and Stanley.



### MWR Special Events

Club patrons enjoy many special events scheduled throughout the year, such as the very popular Texas Hold'em poker tournaments, Military Idol competition, fashion shows and more, in addition to their usual Unit Appreciation Nights, Right-Arm Nights, theme nights and other social events.



### MWR Physical Fitness

Warrior Country is well known for its aggressive sports and swimming programs. There are 10 physical fitness centers, swimming pools, ball fields and gymnasiums in Area I, all used by Soldiers and other authorized patrons every day.

The Genesis paintball course recently opened at Camp Casey to accommodate fans of the sport.

The Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The CRC swimming pool is open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Fitness Center at Camp Stanley is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Stanley swimming pool is open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. They're open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Over at Camp Jackson, the fitness center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Hovey swimming pool is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Camp Casey has two popular sports centers to choose from: the Casey Hanson Field House and the Carey Physical Fitness Center. The Hanson Field House is open Monday-Friday from



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5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Carey Physical Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

And finally there's the Camp Castle Gym, open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**MWR Arts and Crafts**

Arts and Crafts shops in Area I continue to provide patrons with an opportunity to learn new skills. Ceramics, photography, model building, framing and more are all popular with Area I Soldiers, their families and guests.

The Camp Red Cloud Arts and Crafts/Frame Shop is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Sunday, Monday and holidays.

The Camp Stanley Arts and Crafts Shop also offers many opportunities to learn new skills with emphasis on ceramics. It is open Monday-Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**MWR Libraries**

Adults and children alike can take advantage of several MWR libraries that offer DVDs, Internet access and videos in addition to a wide selection of books and magazines.

The Camp Red Cloud Library is open Monday-Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Camp Stanley Library is open Monday-Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Library hours for the Camp Casey Library are Sunday-Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.

Camp Hovey Library is open Sunday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Friday.

**MWR Quality of Life**

The Area I Army Community Center offers Soldiers and family members several very important programs to improve their overall quality of life. Ongoing classes in personal financial matters, job search, resume writing, relocation assistance, VISA and passport issues, career assessment and more are offered at ACS locations at camps Red Cloud, Stanley and Casey.

Interested members can visit the ACS office at Camp Red Cloud Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed weekends and holidays.

**Area I educates Soldiers**

There are two education centers and two Army learning centers in Area I. Except for holidays, each center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They each provide the full range of education programs and services authorized by Army Regulation 621-5, the Army Continuing Education System.

These programs and services consist of:

- education counseling;
- counseling on Veterans Administration education benefits
- standardized and end of course examinations;
- multiuse learning facility, with computers connected to the Internet;
- in/out processing;
- conventional college courses, up to the baccalaureate degree level;
- distance learning courses up to the master's degree level;
- eArmyU assistance, to include testing;
- Servicemember Opportunity College, Army degrees – associate and baccalaureate;
- functional academic skills training, and;
- financial assistance that includes 100 percent tuition assistance, VA education benefits, financial assistance offered by private organizations, educational loans and grants.

During the first 30 days in Korea, each Soldier in Area I is required to in process through his/her supporting Education Center/Army Learning Center, and to attend an education briefing.

For college courses, there are five terms each year. Each term is eight weeks in duration. However, because of scheduled and unscheduled training and other requirements, the education services officer or education services specialist in charge of each center works closely with commanders to establish special schedules, when necessary. FAST courses are offered when and where required or desired.

For specific information regarding programs, services and schedules at specific Education Centers/Army Learning Centers, attend the newcomers education briefing or contact the nearest Army education center.

**USO brings home to Soldiers**

Providing a home away from home, the USO at Camp Casey offers a variety of programs and services in support of Soldiers, airmen and their family members in Area 1. Located at Building S-3025, right behind the Casey PX, next to the Stewart softball field and Hansen gymnasium, the USO is open from Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The USO is open Mondays during American holidays.

**USO Lounge**

Comfortable recliners and couches, and large screen televisions greet and welcome every visiting Soldier and family member at the USO. A great place to relax and rest!

**Free Internet Service**

From 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, 24 computer stations are available at the USO for Soldiers to keep in touch with their families and friends via Web cameras, headset phones, e-mails and chat rooms.

**Canteen Services**

A traditional American or oriental breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. hours, followed by a daily lunch special until 2 p.m. are served from the USO kitchen, while a Soldier checks on his e-mail at the Internet café. Freshly brewed coffee is also available at no charge.

**Tour Packages**

The Camp Casey USO offers a broad range of low-cost tours to help educate and familiarize servicemembers and families with Korean tourist destinations. Local tour packages including DMZ trips, a Seoul city tour, Everland and Lotte amusement parks, resorts and spas, white water rafting trips and mountain hiking are available to individuals, private groups and military units. Overseas tour packages for China, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Australia, Japan and Singapore are made available to the Area I community all year round.

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**Area I Camps****Camp Red Cloud**

Camp Red Cloud was named in honor of Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., Company E, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Red Cloud was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, during the Korean War, 1950. The camp was memorialized May 18, 1957. In 1953 the camp was established on the Northern edge of Uijeongbu as I Corps Headquarters. CRC also served as Combined Field Army Headquarters until 1992; in 1993 it became the site of the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters.

**Camp Casey**

Camp Casey was named and officially dedicated in 1952 in memory of Maj. Hugh B. Casey, who died in a plane crash here in December 1951. Casey arrived in Korea in 1951 as a second lieutenant, and served as a company commander in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

**Camp Castle**

Camp Castle is named after the castle on the distinctive unit insignia of the 2nd Engineer Battalion, which symbolizes the battalion's participation in the Spanish American War. Camp Castle is located on Route 3, at the North edge of Dongducheon. It was established in 1952. Camp Castle's installation mission is to provide engineer support to the 2nd Inf. Div.

**Camp Hovey**

Camp Hovey is named in honor of Master Sergeant Howard C. Hovey, who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action July 6, 1953.

**Camp Jackson**

Camp Jackson was named in honor of Pfc. George W. Jackson Jr., 25th Anti Aircraft Artillery, who received the Silver Star medal posthumously for action in Korea Nov. 23, 1951. Built in May 1952 and formerly I-3, Camp Jackson served as HQ 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division until 1971.

**Camp Mobile**

Camp Mobile is named to signify the mobility exemplified through the supply and transport

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role of the camp. It was built in 1951 as a rough airfield across MSR number 3, West of Camp Casey. Also known as Bayonet Field and A-150 the original runway was eventually extended to 2,000 feet. No longer used as a fixed wing airfield the 2nd Inf. Div. still uses the hangars and quarters.

Camp Stanley

Camp Stanley was memorialized March 25, 1960. It was named in honor of Col. Thomas H. Stanley, 36th Engineer Regiment, who was killed in an accident near Targuinia, Italy, in WWII, June 11, 1944.

Built on a hillside four miles Southeast of Uijeongbu, Camp Stanley started out as a truck depot on the flat ground where the runway is now.

In 1971 2nd Infantry Division aviation and artillery assets moved to Camp Stanley, replacing the 36th Engineers who had been there since 1954.

USO

Community Holiday Events, Ethnic Celebrations

The Camp Casey USO celebrates American holidays and significant ethnic events throughout the year.

Free barbecues, free food sampling, cultural performances, music entertainment and free raffle draws are scheduled, organized and coordinated for Soldiers and their family members. The Camp Casey USO provides support to battalion organizational events through giveaway items for door prizes.

Mobile Canteen

A five-ton truck equipped with a flat screen television in the back of the van, an audio/DVD/video/karaoke entertainment system, a freezer and a refrigerator, a mini snack bar with microwave ovens, X-box games and two wireless Internet computer stations: this “USO on wheels” supports Soldiers, sailors and airmen during field exercises, battalion events, shop visits and joint U.S.-ROK exercises.

Foreign Spouse Program

Camp Casey USO provides a program for new foreign spouses in support of the Soldiers’ readiness to “fight tonight.” A monthly meeting for all foreign spouses (Filipinas, Russians, Cambodians, Peruvians,

Australians, etc.) is held every first Wednesday of the month at the USO to plan for activities that would help the new spouses adapt and adjust to the newly acquired American-military way of life.

Issues on immigration, marriage, parenting and legal assistance are gathered during the meeting and later referred to appropriate agencies like the ACS, legal office, education center and the chaplains. Computer classes, GED and SAT reviews, cultural and spiritual retreats have been very popular programs for the new foreign spouses.

‘United Through Reading’ Program

As part of the “United Through Reading” Program, the Camp Casey USO has a library of children’s books for Soldiers to read as they are videotaped. The finished recording is copied to DVD and mailed to the United States at no expense to the Soldier, so he/she can share the experience of reading to their sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and neighbors back home.

It’s a way for Soldiers to keep in touch with their children and to maintain their emotional closeness while away from home.

Good Neighbor Program

Camp Casey USO supports the USFK Good Neighbor program. For

the past three years, the USO VIRTUES English program has led to a community partnership between Soldier/volunteers from different battalions and the local schools, teaching English to elementary, middle and high school students in spring and fall. This “adopt a school” program is ongoing and has expanded to different installations and local schools in Area I.

Camp Casey USO seeks and coordinates Good Neighbor event opportunities in the local community for battalions and units. Visits to orphanages and nursing homes, Barbecue parties for Korean children with special needs and students’ tours to Camp Casey are organized for volunteer Soldiers and family members.

Free Phone Cards, Stamps

The USO provides free phone cards to every newcomer in Area I, and stamps to everyone. Phone cards are also made available to Soldiers for emergency purposes and spouses temporarily staying in the country after the Soldier leaves Korea. USO phone cards are also given away as door prizes during battalion and community events.

Experience the touch of home at the USO. Call 730-4812 or 4813 for more information.



2nd Infantry Division Worship  
Services/ Bible Studies

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant Services: 11 a.m. at Warrior Chapel  
Catholic Services: Weekday Masses: 11:30 a.m. at Warrior Chapel  
Weekend Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday (CRC) 9 a.m. Sunday  
COGIC service: 12:30 p.m. at Warrior Chapel  
Women’ Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. at CRC Coffee House

Camp Hovey

Protestant 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hovey Chapel  
Bible Study Care Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Hovey Chapel

Crusader Chapel (Dragon Valley—1-72 AR):

Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Protestant Worship  
7 p.m. Apostolic Bible Study  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study  
Saturday: 6 p.m. Movie Night

Camp Stanley

Sunday: 10 a.m. Protestant Service  
11 a.m. Gospel Service  
1 p.m. Catholic Service  
Tuesday: 7 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Protestant Sunday School

Happy Mountain Chapel (Camp Casey, Bldg.T873)

Contemporary Christian Service: 6 p.m. Fellowship, 7 p.m.Worship Service

Stone Chapel (Camp Casey)

Sunday: 10 a.m. Contemporary Christian Service  
Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Thursday: 6 p.m. Catechesis  
9 p.m. Catholic Mass

Memorial Chapel (Camp Casey)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Gospel Sunday School  
11 a.m. Gospel Service  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Friday: Noon Catholic Mass

West Casey Chapel

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service  
Noon Catholic Mass  
2 p.m. LDS Service

Hovey Chapel

Sunday: 9 a.m. Confession  
9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass  
11 a.m. Protestant Service (Hovey Theater)  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Castle Chapel

Tuesday: 6 to 8 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Thursday: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Protestant Bible Study

Castle Chapel

Tuesday: 6 to 8 p.m. KATUSA Service  
Thursday: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Protestant Bible Study

Camp Humphreys

M, T, Th, F 11:45 a.m. Catholic  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass  
10:30 a.m. Collective Protestant  
11 a.m. Collective Protestant  
1 p.m. Gospel Service  
6 p.m. Contemporary Service

For information on additional services in Area I, contact the installation chaplains office



## Welcome to Seoul, Area II

By Col. Ron Stephens

Area II Commander

Area II and Yongsan Garrison are home to nearly 25,000 U.S. military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and their families on nine installations. Nearly 1,000 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers, or KATUSAs, and more than 3,000 Korean National employees serving alongside U.S. servicemembers in Area II.



Col. Ron Stephens

More than 120 tenant units are based on Yongsan Garrison, the largest U.S. military base in Korea. Whatever unit you are assigned to, it is the mission of the Area II Support Activity to provide community services that you would expect in a small city.

We support war fighters, civilian employees and families by managing housing, logistics, transportation, public works, Army Community Services, child and youth programs, entertainment, recreation and other essential services. We also work with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and other organizations to provide a positive community environment.

This newcomer's guide will help get you on the fast track for a rich and rewarding tour in Korea.

After in-processing, please be sure to attend one of our monthly Newcomer's Briefings to meet community leaders and representatives from most of the Area II Support Activity directorates. They will provide important information to get you oriented properly. The briefings are held at the Community Services Building on Yongsan South Post. For information, call 738-4617.

Please be a good ambassador for America while you are in the Republic of Korea. By learning even a few phrases of the Korean language and getting out and meeting the wonderful Korean people, you will enjoy your tour and also promote good community relations. There is a lot to see and do in this beautiful country and a lot of Korean people will welcome you.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the "Land of the Morning Calm."



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Relics of the Chosun Dynasty, like this ancient Namdaemun gate, contrast Seoul's history and future.

## Seoul offers cosmopolitan life

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

**SEOUL** — It is a modern city with conveniences and culture one might expect to find in any other first-world nation.

There are many things to do and see during a tour of duty in Seoul. Public parks, zoos, mountain trails, museums, temples, cultural activities, concerts and sporting events are just a few examples of what city life offers.

But, life was not always this way in this ancient city.

Before Christopher Columbus set sail for the new world, Seoul was a major city on the Korean peninsula. In fact, historians date the settlement of Seoul to 18 B.C. with the establishment of the Baekje Kingdom. To this day, several city walls remain in Southern Seoul dating from this era.

Today, with more than 10 million inhabitants, the city is a thriving metropolis. It is the economic heart and soul of the Korean people.

During the Japanese occupation of Korea 1910-45, the city was renamed "Keijo." But, with the end of World War II and eviction of the Japanese, Koreans returned the city to its rightful name.

The people of Seoul suffered greatly during the Korean War, 1950-53. With at least 191,000 buildings, 55,000 houses, and 1,000 factories destroyed in Seoul during the war, millions of homeless refugees were left with little more than devastation and hunger.

The Korean people are intelligent and eager to advance. With a literacy rate of 98.6 percent, Korean emphasis on education brings in a large annual harvest of university graduates. The country's top learning centers are all in Seoul.

A whopping 24 percent of the Republic of Korea's population resides in Seoul and its surrounding suburbs.

From western-style movie theaters and malls, to traditional markets and restaurants, Seoul is a unique city. Seoulites welcome visitors with open arms and hearts.



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Modern Seoul is home to famous traffic jams and easy-to-use subways.



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The Korean people embrace their traditions.



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Seoul residents walk through a busy market.



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Most international travelers arrive in the Republic of Korea at the ultra-modern Incheon Airport.



# What to expect when you arrive in Korea

## American Forces' Spouses' Club

**INCHEON** — When you arrive in Korea at Incheon International Airport, one thing is almost certain - you will be tired and wish you were anywhere else rather than dealing with paperwork.

Do not, under any circumstances, try to bring weapons or contraband into Korea. While the customs inspectors are pleasant and helpful, they are also very thorough. Contraband, such as drugs and deer antlers, will get you in trouble not only with the Koreans but also the U.S. Military Police. Weapons should be left in storage.

A military liaison must pick up all Army personnel unless a sponsor has obtained the clearance from the 1st Replacement Company to transport the military member. For information, call 723-6452, or commercial 0505-723-6452. For other servicemembers, a sponsor will need to pick you up, or you will need to find your own transportation to Yongsan Garrison.

At Incheon Airport newcomers are met by an Army liaison. They will meet you in the terminal as you exit your aircraft. The liaison will take you through Customs and Immigration, baggage claim, and will transport you via military bus to Yongsan Garrison (about a one-hour drive).

If you do not see the liaison in the terminal, go through the entire customs and immigration and baggage claim process with your leave form, orders and identification card ready. Make sure they stamp your passport with an entry stamp.

You should look for the U.S. Military Liaison Office located near exits E and F.

After arriving on-post, you will have a short briefing, and then check into your lodging.

If a sponsor is meeting you, be careful not to follow the military liaisons. Even though they are calling for all military members, you will need to go through the regular lines like any other civilian passenger. Once you have completed all customs and immigration formalities, and retrieved luggage, go through the exit door nearest the baggage claim carousel.

There are several exits out of the baggage claim area, so if someone is meeting you, be sure you are at the exit door posted for your flight. If you are unsure which exit is correct, go ahead and depart any exit. You should read the monitors located above the exit doors. Your flight number will be posted with an exit door letter. If you have exited the wrong way, don't worry, you will be able to easily walk to the correct exit.

Once you have met your sponsor, they will most likely take you directly to your lodging. They will also be able to advise you of when and where you need to



*Incheon Airport is a thoroughly modern transportation hub for Northeast Asia. The complex is about an hour's drive from Seoul.*

go for in-processing.

If for some reason you need to go to Yongsan on your own, go through any of the exit doors. You can either take a taxi (expensive) or the Dragon Hill Lodge shuttle (free) to Yongsan Garrison. If you wish to take the bus, look for signs to the USO desk, located at Gate 14. If the USO desk is open, they can tell you when the bus to Yongsan is departing. Since you will be in PCS (permanent change of station) status, you and your family members will have priority above anyone else wishing to ride the bus, aside from any others in PCS status.

Taxis are located outside the terminal. Army and Air Force Exchange Service taxis have English-speaking drivers. They are the only taxis authorized to come on-post, so it is better to take one of these.

The AAFES taxis, which are black with gold letters, park to the far right as you exit the airport. The AAFES Taxi Stand is in front of Exit Gate 14. For information, call 02-7913-5550. All AAFES taxis have meters, and accept U.S. dollars.

If you must take a Korean taxi, be sure to have Korean currency. Try to select a cab which has clearly visible identification about both the driver and vehicle. A taxi ride to post will cost about \$50-

\$60. The AAFES taxi drivers expect a tip, but Korean taxi drivers do not expect tips.

## ALL NEW ARRIVALS

Once you have checked in with your new unit and rested, there are many things you must do during your first days in Korea. These include visiting the housing office, Army Community Services, schools and Child and Youth Services.

Locations for in-processing vary depending upon branch of service. Your military liaison or sponsor should know exactly when and where you will need to go for in-processing. However, the following information is provided for your convenience.

■U.S. Army - Army personnel will need to in-process at 1st Replacement Company (across the parking lot from the Dragon Hill Lodge). Call 723-6452.

■U.S. Air Force - Members of the Air Force will need to in-process with the Air Force Element. Call 723-8389.

■U.S. Navy - Naval personnel begin their time in Yongsan with the Personnel Support Detachment on Main Post. Please call 723-4651.

■U.S. Marine Corps - Marines arriving in Seoul in-process with the Administrative Office on Main Post. For information, call 723-7032.

## What do you know about Korea?

### American Forces' Spouses' Club

**History:** Korea is said to have been founded about 4,300 years ago. Its recorded history dates back to 300 B.C. The Republic of Korea was established in 1948.

**Language:** The Korean written language is referred to as "hangul," The spoken language is simply called Korean, or "hanguk-mal."

**Geography:** Korea is a peninsula thrusting from the northeast Asian mainland in a southerly direction for about 620 miles. The peninsula, contiguous to the two continental powers of China and Russia to the north and nearby oceanic Japan to the south, functioned for a long time as a land bridge through which continental culture was transmitted to Japan.

Its peninsula location has both the advantage of easy access to adjacent cultures and the disadvantage of becoming the target of aggressive neighbors. South Korea shares a land boundary with North Korea of about 150 miles.

**Topography:** Approximately 70 percent of the Republic of Korea's land area is comprised of mountains and uplands. Mount Halla (6,396 feet) on Jeju Island is the tallest mountain in the Republic of Korea. The longest rivers are the Nakdong River, the Guem River, and the Han River, which flows through Seoul.

**Area:** 8,452 square miles (about the size of Indiana)

**Climate:** Long, cold winters and short, hot, humid summers with late monsoon rains and flooding. Seoul's January mean temperature is -5 degrees C. to -2.5 degrees C.

In July it is 22.5 degrees C. to 25 degrees C. The annual rainfall varies from year to year but usually averages more than 39 inches/100 centimeters. Of that total, two-thirds of the precipitation falls between June and September.

**President:** Roh Moo-hyun

**Capital:** Seoul

**Monetary Unit:** Won

**Population:** 48,199,227 (2004 estimate)

**Largest Cities:** Seoul, Busan, Daegu, and Incheon

**Religions:** Buddhist, Protestant, Catholic, and Confucian

**Literacy Rate:** More than 98 percent (one of the highest in the world)

**Industry:** Korea's workforce is 20 million strong. Fifty-two percent of the labor is in services, while 27 percent is in mining and manufacturing. Exports and major products include agriculture, electronics, machinery, textiles, steel and metal products and chemicals.

**Natural Resources:** Iron, copper ore, tungsten and graphite

**National Bird:** Magpie



# Area II: Home is where the heart is

## American Forces' Spouses' Club

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Where you will live after your arrival in Korea is undoubtedly one of your largest concerns.

Unaccompanied personnel may be assigned quarters on-post or reside off-post in economy housing. Servicemembers in the pay grade E-4 and below will reside in barracks. Barracks are managed and controlled by unit first sergeants.

Servicemembers in the pay grade E-5, regardless of marital status, and all E-6 personnel will participate in the "Area II Share Program." Bona fide bachelors in the pay grade of E-6 may live alone. All other unaccompanied personnel, E-7 and above, regardless of marital status will live off-post. Personnel will be assigned to an apartment with a minimum of three bedrooms and one to two baths. Both occupants will share the monthly rent. Currently 85 percent of assigned personnel reside off-post.

The Area II Housing Office will try to accommodate personnel serving in key and essential positions who are required to live on-post. Personnel who will reside off-post must attend a mandatory briefing before seeking off-post accommodations.

For on-post family housing, waiting lists are maintained for each housing area. Personnel are placed on the

appropriate list based on their rank, Housing Eligibility Date, bedroom requirement and priority category.

For most personnel, their HED is the date they sign out of their last duty station (See Army Regulation 210-50 for details).

The bedroom requirement is determined by the size of your family. Couples with no children and families (either married couples or single parents) with one child receive two-bedroom units. Families with two children receive three bedroom units and those with three or more children qualify for four bedroom units.

With the exception of Hannam Village, there is generally a waiting list for all types of units. However, the four bedroom waiting list tends to be the longest. You may accept quarters smaller than what you qualify for. This will often decrease your waiting time significantly, however, keep in mind that once you accept a smaller unit it is unlikely you will ever make it to the top of the list for a larger unit. This is because housing priority is determined by which category you fall under, and once you accept any government quarters you are generally bumped down to category three (the lowest level). Since new category two personnel (those authorized concurrent travel) are always arriving, it is difficult to rise to



Sgt. Seo Ki-chul

*Residents walk outside Burke Towers, a field-grade officer's complex that opened in 2004. Burke Towers is located within minutes of the schools.*

the top of the housing list.

Concurrent travel is determined by the Housing Office and is based upon the projected availability of housing when you are scheduled to arrive. All others are considered priority three.

If housing is not available when you arrive, and you have been approved for concurrent travel, you will be allowed to remain in your hotel up to a maximum of 60 days -- though officials encourage servicemembers to seek off-post housing within 10 days of arrival.

Servicemembers approved for "deferred travel" may secure an off-post apartment while awaiting family housing. Service members residing on the economy are entitled to a monthly Overseas Housing Allowance and Miscellaneous Housing Allowance

received 6-8 weeks after move-in. The MIHA funds are provided to help defray the costs of set up of the off-post residence (i.e., appliance hookup, small furnishings, rugs, utility hookups, etc.)

There are four main housing areas in Yongsan controlled by the U.S. Army and administered by the Korean Housing Management Office, and the floor plans of all the houses are available from the Housing Office.

You can also get housing information online from <http://www.kohomm.org> (click on Housing Info and follow the instructions). None of these units have carpeting.

There is limited parking in these housing areas, with one designated space for each unit and some visitor's spots (all outdoor parking lots).

## Taking care of your pets

### American Forces' Spouses' Club

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — There are excellent veterinary services available on Yongsan from the 129th Medical Detachment. Services are available to eligible personnel on an "as time permits" basis. All basic shots are provided at a nominal cost.

The policy for importation of privately owned animals into Korea requires the following:

- Health Certificate, less than 10 days old, when arriving into Korea. The original plus two copies.

- Rabies Certificate (the original plus two copies). The vaccination must be current and at least 30 days old.

Distemper is a problem here in Korea so it is recommended that you not bring a pet that is not fully vaccinated (at least 6 months or older). Animals arriving without a current rabies vaccination or one that is less than 30 days old will be quarantined at the owner's expense for up to a maximum of 30 days.

- Bill of Lading or Certificate of Excess Baggage with original signature (if the animal is traveling unaccompanied).

For information, call 738-4261, or from the United States, 011-822-7918-4261.

# Spouses network helps adjustment

## Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Family members traveling to Korea can expect to find a world of change and adjustments. However, organizations like the American Forces' Spouses' Club aim to make everyone feel at home during a tour of duty in the Republic of Korea.

Organizations like AFSC provide a framework for networking with other spouses.

The AFSC runs a unique store on Yongsan Garrison South Post, the "Chosun Gift Shop."

Spouses travel throughout the Far East to purchase items in bulk for resale at the shop. The organization raises thousands of dollars for charity each year.

Spouses also have opportunities to serve as volunteers with the American Red Cross and Army Community Services.

Paid employment is also an option. According to AFSC, there are limited jobs available on post; it may take some time and patience to find one, but with determination and a lot of networking, it can be done.

Full-time or part-time jobs are listed through the Seoul Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and advertised in a weekly bulletin. Army Community Services has a Family Member Employment office, with an excellent staff to assist your job search. They are located in the ACS Building (Building 4106 on Yongsan South Post). For information, call 738-8977. There is also a Hannam Village Outreach Center at 723-8293. Spouse Employment and Education Seminars are held semiannually. Look for banners and advertisements in the Morning Calm Weekly about the next seminar. These Web sites can also provide more information:

- Civilian Human Resources Agency at <http://cpoc-www.korea.army.mil>

- U.S. Army Civilian Personnel Online at <http://cpol.army.mil>

Teachers are always needed. If you want to teach at the Seoul American Elementary, Middle or High Schools, either full-time or on a substitute basis, ask at the main office of the school where you want to work.

Teaching positions are also available at the private schools in Seoul; you can either write the schools directly or contact them as soon as you arrive in Korea. They often will advertise in The Morning Calm Weekly or on bulletin boards at the Commissary, Post Exchange and Town House Food Court.

It is suggested that you review any contracts carefully with the ACS Employment Readiness staff before accepting any position. Also, even though you will have 90 days to obtain a Status of Forces Agreement stamp in your passport, you must have it in your possession before you apply for a job.

For youth, a Summer Youth Employment Program is available for military and civilian family members who are full-time students between the ages of 14 and 22. Although many of the jobs are general office helpers, there are also a variety of specialized areas where specific skills and background are required. Parents and students are reminded that one requirement to be eligible for summer employment with USFK activities is to possess a personal Social Security Number. Parents whose children are outside of Korea should ensure that their children obtain a SSN before traveling to Korea if they wish to work here during the summer. Students must also have proof of full-time student status in the States.

There is also a winter-hire program for students ages 16-22. This is designed for after school and weekend work.

For youth or spouses planning to work on the economy, check with ACS before coming to see what type of visa is needed. For information, contact the ACS Employment Readiness Program Office at 738-8977.

*(Editor's note: The American Forces' Spouses' Club contributed to this article)*



# Planning your move to Korea

## American Forces' Spouses' Club

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — It is important your advance planning be as comprehensive as possible, in order to avoid stress upon arrival.

Take a trip to your Army Community Services, Air Force Family Service Center or Navy and Marine Family Service Center to check on relocation packets.

Also, be sure to look in your local bookstore or library and on the Internet for assistance.

As time draws closer to your move, and you have not heard from a sponsor, definitely take the initiative and contact your gaining unit, either by letter or telephone, for a relocation packet.

A sponsor should be assigned automatically. Korea is an assignment where a sponsor is necessary and is a relocating family's biggest asset. Your sponsor can get your mailing address, start the paperwork for temporary ration

cards and check availability of quarters before you come.

Visit these Internet sites to learn more about relocation and life in Korea:

■ Area II Support Activity: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area2> — This Web site is a great location for current community information. It includes a telephone directory, local news and links to the Morning Calm Weekly newspaper and Community Connection magazine. Many of your questions about life on Yongsan can be answered here.

■ <http://www.usfk.mil> - This new Web site should be the starting point for all servicemembers, civilians and families serving in U.S. Forces Korea.

■ <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil> — This contains an electronic Welcome Guide and ROK Steady magazine.

■ <http://www.kohomm.org> - This is the Web site for on-post housing in Korea. You can see floor plans and get other information about housing.

■ <http://www.oconus.com/main/korea.asp> - This site includes many specific links to different bases in Korea.

■ <http://www.ameriforce.net/relocation/> - This Web site includes an eight-week PCS checklist for moving to Korea, as well as many tips on family travel to Korea.

■ <http://www.afcrossroads.com/home.cfm> - This has a searchable database on installations, PCS, family and pet travel tips.

■ <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites/owa/ShowPage?p=index> - This has relocation information on major military installations (you will need to provide your sponsor's social security number, last name, and birth date for access).

■ <http://www.defenselink.mil/mapsite/relocate.html> - This has helpful tips on relocation.

■ DOD "It's Your Move": <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove/> - This has PCS articles and the "It's Your Move" pamphlet.

## Shopping with a Ration Control Card

### American Forces' Spouses' Club

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — The most important thing you need besides a great pair of walking shoes is a Ration Control Card.

Your Ration Control Card is just as important as your Military identification. In layman's terms, it is a card that most on-post businesses, like Army and Air Force Exchange, commissary and the Chosun Gift Shop, need to see before you can make purchases.

Officials want to make sure you are not purchasing huge quantities of any item in order to resell. Your Sponsor should be able to provide you with a temporary card when you arrive. However, many don't and it's a rude awaking when you just want to grab a magazine or some aspirin at the Shoppette, and they will not allow you to make a purchase without it.

You will need to go with your sponsor to get temporary ration cards. The Law and Order, Ration Control Issue Point is located on South Post, at Headquarters, Area II Support Activity, Bldg 4305, Room # 105. For information, call 738-4612.

You will need a Ration Control Card for each authorized family member (children 10 and up).

Don't leave home without it.

During their first two weeks in Korea, family members can shop in the commissary and exchange with a military identification card and a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders.

Family members with sponsors assigned to 2nd Infantry Division need to contact the Division Liaison Office at the 1st Replacement Detachment across the parking lot of the Dragon Hill Lodge for a Ration Control Card.

Family members have a lot of things to do in the first few days to get settled in. It is highly recommended that you go to the Army Community Services Building as soon as you can. They have a fantastic staff ready to help you.

The ACS Building will be your new home away from home.

Carry your military identification, ration control card, many copies of orders, a Power of Attorney and your passport with you wherever you go for the first two weeks. It is also helpful to call before you go to verify information and to check hours of operation; this can help cut down on your frustration and save valuable time. The best thing to do is make a tentative game plan the day before and map out where you need to go each day so you can get it done quickly and have more family time.

# Yongsan schools set high standards

## American Forces' Spouses' Club

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — If you are coming to Korea as a command-sponsored family, your children will be eligible to attend Department of Defense Dependent Schools located on Yongsan South Post.

Noncommand-sponsored children are accommodated on a space available basis. Seoul American Elementary School, Seoul American Middle School and Seoul American High School are fully accredited schools that offer a wide variety of classes and services, including classes for the gifted, Special Education, and English as a Second Language.

School registration is held in May and continues through the summer.

Also, there are several other schools for foreigners located in Seoul, which offer a variety of curriculum.

Only a sponsor or spouse may register children for school.

Hand-carry all school records with you when you travel. You can only register for school when you are physically in Korea. For information call 738-7707.

For registration you will need the following:

■ Shot Records - The 121st General Hospital Immunization Clinic will make sure that they are up to date.

■ A copy of the sponsor's orders verifying command sponsorship (must have dependents' names on orders).

■ High School-students entering high school need to report to room 108 in the high school to sign up for classes with the guidance counselor.

■ Kindergarten and 1st grade students entering school need to bring a copy of their birth certificate or passport. Bus transportation is provided for students who live within designated limits. For current information, contact the Bus Transportation Office, located in Bldg: 4106 Room 121, at 738-5032. Bus passes will be issued only to a parent. You will need to show paperwork verifying your student is registered.

Currently on Yongsan there are several families who choose to educate their children at home. Finding information on the regulations in reference to the SOFA agreement and home schooling can be obtained from the Home School Legal Defense or the DODDS system.

Also available while home schooling in Korea is a program called I.D.E.A. International. It is an independent organization funded by a DOD grant that operates in partnership with the DODDS system. The program provides assistance to families who are entitled to tuition-free education at a DODDS school, but choose to home school. Information about the program is online at <http://www.intidea.org>.

Home school supplies are also available at the post exchange, or they can be ordered from the Internet.

There are three schooling options on post for preschool age children:

Sure Start is a program designated for children at possible risk, between the ages 3 and 4 whose parents are in the pay grade E-7 or GS-6 and below. The school is run five days per week from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is no fee for enrollment, however, parents are encouraged to commit to a minimum number of volunteer hours, call 736-4378 for more info.

The Yongsan Child Development Center offers a part-day preschool program for children ages 3 to 5. There is a three-day program and a two-day program from 8-11:30 a.m. during the school year.

Register at Central Registration (738-5036) and they can provide information about availability and schedule of fees based on pay grade.

Mustard Seed Christian Preschool is a South Post Chapel program. Classes for four-year olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Classes for three-year olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are offered both in the morning (8:15-11:15 a.m.) and afternoon (12:15-3:15 p.m.)

Register as soon as possible, as spaces for this school fill quickly. To check for current information call 738-8503 or 738-4220.

■ Korea District Superintendent's Office Web Site: <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu>

■ Seoul Elementary School Web Site: [http://www.seoul\\_es.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.seoul_es.pac.dodea.edu)

■ Seoul Middle School (grades 6-8) Web Site: [http://www.seoul\\_ms.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.seoul_ms.pac.dodea.edu)

■ Seoul High School (grades 9-12) Web Site: [http://www.seoul\\_hs.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.seoul_hs.pac.dodea.edu)

School Registration: DODDS Seoul Registration Office – 738-7707 (at ACS).

Off-Post Schools:

■ Centennial Christian School (K-12), 57 Ehwa-dong, Chongno-gu, Seoul 110-500, call 762-3160.

■ International Christian School (K-12), P.O. Box 62 SRCO, Seoul 140-600, call 792-4116/7.

■ Seoul Academy (K-8), Young-dong, P.O. Box 85, Seoul, call 554-1690.

■ Seoul Foreign School (K-12), 55 Yunhi-dong, Suhdaemoon-gu, Seoul 120-113, call 335-5101/5.

■ Seoul International School (K-12), Songpa-gu, P.O. Box 47, Seoul, Korea 138-600, call 233-4551/2.





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The Seoul Tower provides a breathtaking panorama of the capital.



SPC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Jeju Island's coast offers scenes from its volcanic origins.



DAVID McNALLY

The "river-walk" offers an interesting way to explore the city of Seoul.



CAPT. STACY OUELLETTE

Korea's many cities offer a variety of choices, insuring all shoppers will find something to their liking.

At Right: Kimchi is a side dish served with almost every meal in Korea. Common ingredients include cabbage, radish, garlic, red pepper, spring onion, squid, oyster or other seafood, ginger, salt and sugar.



DAVID McNALLY



SPC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

At Left: A group of Korean dancers perform a traditional fan dance.

At Right: Korean artistry and craftsmanship are on display in the color and design of Bulguksa temple's decorative wooden roof.



CPL. PARK MYUNG-JOON



CPL. SGT. KIM-CHUL

Sgt. Nickola Noble takes part in a traditional wedding during the Hannam Village fall festival.



DAVID McNALLY

A view of Seoul from the northern mountain range shows the magnitude of the city.

WELCOME TO  
KOREA



CAPT. STACY OUELLETTE

A spectacular sunset brings an end to another day in the Republic of Korea.



DAVID McNALLY

Gyeongbok Palace is one of five Joseon Dynasty palaces in Seoul. These ancient buildings, standing in stark contrast to the modern city growing around them, offer a link to Korea's history.



# 18th MEDCOM ready, able to care for USFK

## 18th Medical Command Public Affairs

The staff of the 18th Medical Command welcomes you to Korea!

The mission of the 18th MEDCOM is to integrate, organize, resource, train, command, control and support assigned and attached medical units in order to provide a comprehensive system of Theater Health Support to the 8th United States Army and all supported forces throughout the Korean Theater of Operations.

THS equals Armistice Health Support plus Combat Health Support.

To accomplish its varied and complex missions, the 18th MEDCOM has many subordinate organizations throughout the country, which include: 121st General Hospital, which provides hospitalization, surgical services, intensive care and numerous specialty care clinics; 168th Area Support Medical Battalion, that provides theater area support for sick call, trauma treatment and preventive medicine at 14 separate locations; 618th Dental Company, providing theater dental support at 14 separate locations; and, 106th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services, performing the dual mission of food inspection and animal patient

care.

Upon arrival at the 1st Replacement Company, 18th MEDCOM personnel will assist you with the medical portion of your in processing. We will provide information pertinent to obtaining health care while you are assigned to Korea.

The 18th MEDCOM operates several troop medical clinics and primary care clinics in Korea.

In addition, 18th MEDCOM currently maintains partnerships, with nine state-of-the-art Korean hospitals. These hospitals feature American educated and trained specialists, as well as English-speaking staff members to assist American personnel and to offer a wide array of services to those serving throughout the Korean peninsula.

For information, call 737-3085, (Commercial 011-822-7917-3085), or visit our Web site at <http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/>

### TRICARE in Korea

Upon arrival in Korea, active-duty Soldiers will participate in a TRICARE brief at the 1st Replacement Company. TRICARE Prime enrollment forms will be distributed for active-duty accompanied Soldiers who have their family with them in Korea, as well as



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*The staff at Camp Walker's Bodine Dental Clinic helps care for the Area IV community in Daegu.*

forms for active-duty personnel who are unaccompanied.

TRICARE Prime is not authorized for unaccompanied family members and coming to Korea will adversely affect family members medical coverage if they are not command sponsored. All active-duty Soldiers need to enroll in TRICARE Pacific.

Also during this brief, the TRICARE representative will tell Soldiers how to enroll family members staying in the United States or in other locations what to do if visitors need medical attention while they are here, what to do when traveling and needing medical attention, and how to handle any medical claims Soldiers or family

members might receive while stationed in Korea or residing in the United States.

For information on TRICARE, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 736-8558/7236 or visit the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

### Dental, Veterinary Services

Dental care for Soldiers, civilian employees and family member, and veterinary care for pets, is available at clinics across the peninsula.

For information on dental service availability and eligibility requirements, call 736-5051.

For information about bringing pets to Korea, logon to [www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/129Det/18sub129.htm](http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/129Det/18sub129.htm).



# Korean culture and language

Korea has a long, rich culture dating back thousands of years. It is an Asian nation whose culture, customs and language are very much different than those found back in your hometown in America.

This column is written to give you an overview of the culture and how your tour in Korea can be even more enjoyable by learning and getting out to see what is offered here in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

But first, there are some things that you must know for basic survival. The importance of speaking a little Korean, even knowing how to say something as simple as "hello," will help both you and your Korean associate feel more comfortable. This might even result in a little more of a discount when bartering with local merchants.

"Ahn-nyoung-hah-sae-yo?" is used to say good morning, good afternoon or good evening. It is a polite way to say hello and the most common greeting in Korean. Many more helpful expressions are listed at the adjoining column. Take a little time to learn a few of them and most Koreans will more eagerly receive you when they see that you've made an effort to learn some of their language.

Many Koreans do speak some English. In fact, English is one of the two mandatory foreign languages taught in the public schools, the other is a variation of Chinese that has been used traditionally by Koreans when writing proper nouns such as names. Don't be surprised when you hear a group of students laugh and say "hello" in English while walking past you. The laughter is one way that Koreans deal with shyness or embarrassment and is not at all meant to be demeaning to Americans. One more thing about speaking English with Koreans is that negative tag questions are often answered with an opposite reply than expected. For example Americans might say, "You like me, don't you?" Many Koreans would answer "No, I do like you." The best advice is to phrase your questions simply until you get to know your Korean associate better.

The nucleus of Korean society is the family. Education is stressed at home from a very early age. Most children not only go to school but also spend four to six hours a day with tutors or at an academy that reinforces their current studies. Parents often work long arduous hours in support of their children's education. This is perhaps why Korea has one of the highest literacy rates in the world. According to the Korean Ministry of Education it stands at 98 percent.

Within the family is a hierarchy that is based upon age and standing. Elders

warrant the utmost in respect from those younger. It is customary for children to bow to their parents and grandparents regardless of how old the children might be. This same degree of respect is also given to deceased family members through ceremonies on certain holidays and anniversaries.

Children typically don't leave their parent's home until marriage. For a man it's usually in his early 30s and for women mid-20s. Marriage is not necessarily a matter of choice between the couple being wed. Traditionally there are many considerations, some of which include family and educational background. Matchmakers are often consulted to arrange for meetings between the parents and prospective couple, more often than not the couple ends up marrying. Once married the parents of the bride lose a daughter as she now has become a part of her husband's family and is expected to be ingratiating to her parents-in-law at all times.

If you've heard anything at all about Korea, then the word "kimchi" probably comes to mind. Kimchi is a spicy dish that is made with cabbage, turnip or cucumbers and is a staple food, like rice that is a part of every meal. It also has an aroma that is all its own! Try it, you might just be surprised at how good it actually tastes. Another Korean dish popular with westerners is bulgogi. It is marinated beef cooked over hot coals right there at your table. Overall, the Korean cuisine offers a unique dining experience with its many side dishes, robust flavors and colorful presentation.

In Korea it is not uncommon, nor impolite to ask someone's age. Unlike many western nations where one's age is often considered as some kind of classified secret available only to those with a need to know! So don't be offended if a Korean asks you your age, it is not meant to invade your privacy.

There is a lot more to learn about Korean customs and courtesies, and the best way to know about your host nation is by getting out and becoming a part of it. Visit the local markets, teach English as a volunteer, work with one of the many orphanages or go on a tour. Don't miss this opportunity during your tour to visit Korea from outside the gates of your installation. Ahn-nyoung-hee gah-sae-yo. Oh, and take a buddy!

(Editors note: Information for this article was submitted by Kwon Min-sook a volunteer who writes the weekly "Learn Korean Easily" column found in the Morning Calm.)

## Learn Korean Easily



Language Instructor  
**Kwon, Min Sook**

				Double Consonants		Single Vowels			
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㄲ	ㄸ	ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ
g	n	d	l	gg	dd	ah	yah	oe	eh
ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅈ	ㅃ	ㅆ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ
m	b	sh,s	ch	bb	ss	yoh	oh	yo	weh
ㅇ	ㅊ	ㅌ	ㅍ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	wah
silent	j	chu	h	ㅉ	ㅊ	oo	you	ue	wuh
ㄴ	ㅌ	ㅍ	ㅎ	ㅊ	ㅊ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	wee
k	t	p	h	ㅉ	ㅊ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ui

*This is how you combine consonants and vowels.*

**미국** ㅁ:im, ㅣ:ee/ㅍ:g, ㅌ:oo, ㅍ:g 'mee goog' America  
**한국** ㅎ:h, ㅌ:ah, ㅌ:in/ㅍ:g, ㅌ:oo, ㅍ:g 'hahn goog' Korea

*If you like others, you will be liked by them.*

저는 당신을 좋아합니다. *joe-nuen dahng-seen-uel joh-ah-hahm-nee-dah.* I like you.  
저도 당신을 좋아합니다. *joe-doh dahng-seen-uel joh-ah-hahm-nee-dah* I like you, too.

### Greetings and Introduction

안녕하세요? (The answer is the same.) **ahn-nyoung-hah-sae-yo?** How do you do?, How are you?, Hi., Hello., Good morning., Good afternoon., Good evening.  
성함이 뭐세요? **soeng-hahm-ee mwoe-sae-yo?** May I have your name, please?

저는 (name) 입니다. **joe-nuen (name) eem-nee-dah.** My name is (name).  
고향이 어디세요? **goh-hyahng-ee oe-dee-sae-yo?** Where is your hometown?  
제고향은(place)입니다. **jae goh-hyang-uen (place) eem-nee-dah.** My hometown is (place).  
취미가 뭐세요? **chwee-mee-gah mwoe-sae-yo?** What is your hobby?  
제 취미는 독서입니다. **jae chwee-mee-nuen dohng-soe-eem-nee-dah.** My hobby is reading.

### To the taxi driver

(용산 미팔군) 갑시다. **(Yongsan mee-pahl-goong) gahb-see-dah.** "Please take me to (8th U.S. Army Base in Yongsan)."  
\*(미 대사관) **(mee dae-sah-kwahng);** (U.S. Embassy)  
\*(인천 국제공항) **(Incheon goog-jae gohng-hahng)** (Incheon International Airport)

### Emergency words on the street

가까운 (화장실) 어디예요? **gah-ggah-oon (hwah-jahng-seel) oe-dee-yae-yo?** "Where is the nearest (restroom)?"  
\*(전 철 역) **(joen-choel-yoeg)** (subway station)  
\*(경찰 서) **(gyoung-chahl-soe)** (police station)

### Needing things from Koreans

(콜라) 주세요. **(cola) joo-sae-yo.** "Please give me (cola)."  
\*(잔 돈) **(jahn-dohn)** (small money)  
\*(군 만 두) **(goon-mahn-doo)** (fried mahndoo)

### Using others' things

(전화) 좀 써도 될까요? **(joen-hwah) johm soe-doh dwael-ggah-yo?** "May I use your (telephone), please?"  
\*(볼 펜) **(bohl-pen)** (ball-point pen)  
\*(사무실) **(sah-moo-seel)** (office)

### Important Tips

실례 합니다. **seel-lyae hahm-nee-dah.** Excuse me.  
도와 주세요. **doh-wah joo-sae-yo.** Please help me out.  
죄송 합니다. **jwae-sohng hahm-nee-dah.** I am sorry.  
감사 합니다. **gahm-sah hahm-nee-dah.** Thank you very much.  
천만에요. **choen-mahn-ae-yo.** You're welcome.

### Pronounce vowels carefully; 'oe', and 'ah'

멋있어요. **moe-see-soe-yo.** You look nice.  
맛있어요. **mah-see-soe-yo.** It is delicious.

'ah' and 'yae' 'gah' means 'to go' and 'gyae' means 'to stay'.

안녕히 가세요. **ahn-nyoung-hee gah-sae-yo.** Good bye. (host says to guest)  
안녕히 계세요. **ahn-nyoung-hee gyae-sae-yo.** Good bye. (guest says to host)



## Area III, the place to be

### Area III Public Affairs Office

Welcome to Area III, the best and fastest growing area in the Republic of Korea. Here you will find an area that is diverse and offers something for everyone – Soldiers, Airmen, U.S. and Korean civilian employees, contractors, retirees and family members.

Area III is transforming and Camp Humphreys will be the largest Army installation on the peninsula by 2011. Camp Humphreys boasts one of the busiest airfields outside the continental United States.

Area III installations are actually small cities and provide residents everything from lights and running water to constructing logistic support areas for exercises, providing non-combatant evacuation and crisis management in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

During your stay in Area III and Camp Humphreys, pardon our dust as you see ongoing construction of barracks, dining facilities, company headquarters, motor pools and all the other elements needed to support the fighting forces.

Expect infrastructure improvements to further enhance quality of life. Although we are continually starting new construction projects to support this growth, we are firmly committed to providing today's customer with the best customer service and tenant unit support to be found in the Army.

Phase II of Army Family Housing and new barracks at Zoekler Station are slated to open this fall. A new shoppette in the 3rd MI area will feature a Charley's Steakery and a

shoppette/Class VI store will open adjacent to Army Family Housing. Work continues on fitness centers, a child development center and other quality of life enhancements.

Camps Long and Eagle have newly refurbished barracks and a small commissary is planned to replace the mobile facility serving the enclave from Camp Eagle.

Our goal is to be the best in the Army. Post comments on how we are doing to support you and your mission at [https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=677](https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=677).

Let us know how we're doing and how we can get better.



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The Area III airfield is one of the busiest Army airfields outside of the continental United States.



Soldier's Field has been completely refurbished with new Astroturf. The traditional red clay has been replaced with an artificial surface for safer play.



American and KATUSA Soldiers serve together in Area III and often form lasting friendships. These Soldiers spent a day exploring Korean culture at the Gyeonggi Province Cultural Center.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS

The Camp Humphreys aquatic park, (top) one of many "Quality of Life" projects, is nearing completion. An artist rendering (above) shows what the facility will look like when it opens.





Noncombatant evacuation exercises ensure personnel are ready to leave the peninsula on short notice.



Documents check is a key component of NEO exercises.



One-stop in- and out-processing center provides an efficient method for Soldiers to complete paperwork.



A Soldier shows a child the proper use of protective equipment.



Customer service points offer a convenient place to collect clothing and equipment issued to Soldiers.

## Area III Mission

The Area III mission is five-fold: First and foremost is to support the warfighter. We do this by providing world-class living, dining, educational, religious, recreation and fitness facilities.

Secondly, we support the warfighter mission, readiness and execution of all missions by providing airfield and refueling operations and logistical support. We provide office and work spaces including motor pool areas.

We enable the well-being of the servicemember, civilians and family members by providing excellent on-post family housing, assistance with off-post housing, providing child care

and schools for family members as well as a range of quality of life enhancements.

We continue to improve the aging infrastructure by upgrading utilities, roads and sidewalks, and communication lines.

We protect and preserve our environment with a focused environmental program including recycling efforts, hazardous waste reduction and education for servicemembers, civilians and youth.

Humphreys is a major point of egress for noncombatant evacuation for Areas I and III family members and non-essential civilians. We also

have the mission to evacuate third country nationals and non-essential U.S. Embassy personnel. Evacuation procedures are practiced twice a year to ensure this vital mission can be accomplished.

Humphreys boasts the only fire training area on the peninsula. Firefighters from installations across the peninsula and Korean municipal firefighters all train at this unique facility.

The Customer Service Points for central issue items are operated in all areas of the peninsula by Area III personnel with Area III maintaining the inventory and accountability.



A mom her son's helmet fits properly during the annual Bicycle Rodeo at Camp Humphreys.



Units schedule CPR training with the American Red Cross.



Combat Pistol qualification and 25-meter ranges allow Soldiers to maintain weapons qualifications.

## Area III Tenant Units

Area III is home to more than 50 tenant units whose missions include aviation, intelligence, logistics, medical and health care.

Camp Humphreys hosts Air Force combat communications and weather detachment units. Air Defense Artillery units are located at Osan Air Base, approximately 20 kilometers from Camp Humphreys, and Suwon Air Base near Seoul.

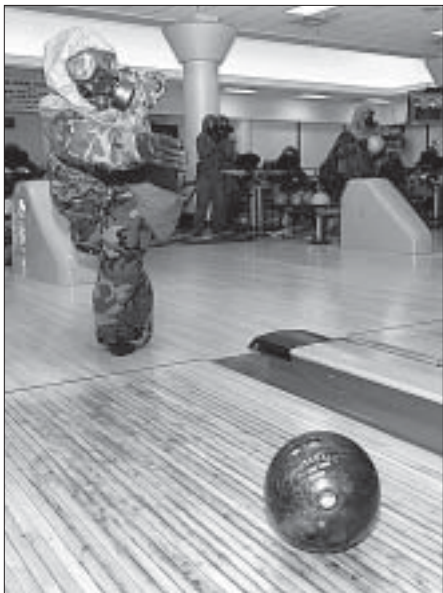
Humphreys also hosts several Republic of Korea Air Force, communications and intelligence units.

The Wonju enclave of camps Long and Eagle host communication and aviation assets. Tenant units provide

critical services such as medical and dental care, military police, mail and Soldier in- and out-processing services.

Overwater survival — flight simulators that can be configured to current AH-64A Apache, OH-58D

Kiowa Warrior, UH-60A/L Black Hawk, CH-47D Chinook and AH-64D Longbow Apache specifications — and weapons training on the Combat Pistol Qualifications Course and the 25-Meter Range are all operated at Camp Humphreys.



Soldiers acclimate to chemical protection gear while having a good time.



Elements of 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade maintain Patriot missiles at Suwon Air Base.





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*New barracks construction (above) and barracks upgrade programs (below) provide private bedrooms and shared kitchens and baths. Senior enlisted and officers have individual suites. Family housing is provided both on base (above left) and off (below left) with the construction of new apartments in the community.*







Area III Soldiers work together with Anjung-ri residents to clean up the village.



A chapel assistant relaxes in front of the Camp Long Chapel.



## Community

Area III strives to provide world-class facilities and support to those living in and around the area. You will find many opportunities for both personal and professional growth.

You have the opportunity to learn about and experience the 5,000-year history of our host nation. You will find our hosts to be gracious and eager to help you.

Our Community Relations program is the key to unlocking the treasures of being stationed in Korea and Area III.

Humphreys American Elementary School will expand to approximately 275 students and a total of four buildings for the 2006-2007 school year. Sure Start and grades 4 to 6 will be in the original building while kindergarten through third grade will be in the new buildings. The administration building and cafeteria will also be in the new area of the

campus. Specialists will be at both locations.

Middle and high school students are bused to Osan American Middle and Osan American High Schools located about 15 miles away.

College courses are available in the traditional classroom setting and a variety of online courses are available. Professional education is often accomplished through distance learning.

Full- and part-time child care is available in the Child Development Center and the Youth Services program. The

youth center is the scene of a variety of activities and classes for our youngsters. Religious programs are a vital part of the community with services being offered at Freedom Chapel, Zoekler Station Chapel and Camp Long.

Our community makes Area III the best place to be in Korea.



Humphreys American Elementary School educates grades kindergarten through six. A new interim three-building classroom facility (above) is nearing completion.



## Leisure

Whether you enjoy team or individual sports, hobbies, volunteering, sightseeing or shopping; Area III has something for everyone. Check out MWR, Army Community Service and the USO for things to see and do.

Soldiers can take advantage of the award-winning Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldier programs. The Area III BOSS program and MWR BOSS advisor continue to be recognized at both USFK and Department of Army levels.

Off-post opportunities for sightseeing and shopping abound. Check with USO for ways to explore your new home.



FILE PHOTOS

(clockwise from top) Running in an MWR-sponsored race, sharing American holidays, participating in Korean culture, or shooting hoops at Donkook University-- Area III is an area ripe with activities and fully supported by the Korean community outside our gates.





## Welcome to Area IV

### 'The best place to live, work and play in Korea'

**W**elcome to Daegu, "the best place to live, work and play in Korea." I am eager to support you in relocating to your new duty station as quickly and as efficiently as possible. For those of you with accompanying family members, my entire staff, including Army Community Services and Child & Youth Services stand ready to assist you and respond to any inquiry in order to help you settle into the Daegu Community.

Daegu, the third largest city in Korea, also known as the "Apple Capital of Korea," is located in a valley bounded on the north by the Palgong Mountains and the south by the Nakdong River. The area of this scenic city covers over 70 square miles and is approximately 136 feet above sea level. There are four distinct seasons here with a climate similar to Washington, D.C. Daegu is one of the oldest cities in Korea with a wealth of tradition in its history.

The Daegu Military Community offers a well-rounded schedule of activities through such programs as the Child Development Center, Army Community Services, Community Activities Center, Youth Services, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers programs, and numerous private organizations. We are fortunate to have an excellent club system and one of the finest golf courses in Korea.



Additionally, the Korean community offers many rich cultural events. I am certain your tour will be both challenging and rewarding. For additional information about your new home, visit your local ACS. You can also view Standard Information Topic Exchange Service information about Area IV at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites/ima.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites/ima.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/). The Area IV Web site is: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/UsasaAreaIV/AreaIVKORO/sites/local/>. The peninsula-wide newspaper "The Morning Calm Weekly" can be found at: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/MorningCalmWeekly/default.htm>. For those with school-age children, visit the Taegu American School Web site at: [http://www.taegu\\_un.pac.dodea.edu/index.html](http://www.taegu_un.pac.dodea.edu/index.html).

**Col. Donald J. Hendrix,**  
commander, Area IV Support Activity



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Pfc. Gary Garrett, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 6th Ordnance Battalion, gets tossed into the tug-of-war mud pit by Pfc. Demont Moore (left) Sgt. Eric Brady (right) and Staff Sgt. Gregory Wilson (obscured) at the annual Camp Carroll RSOI Victory Party. The event is just one of many events held throughout Area IV each year.

## Communities of Distinction

### Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP HENRY** – Area IV, located in the southernmost region of the Republic of Korea, is home to the Area IV Support Activity, a 12-time Department of the Army and 8th United States Army Community of Excellence finalist, and the winner of Department of the Army Community Relations Award for Excellence in 2004. It's affectionately known as the "Best Place to Live, Work and Play in Korea."

Installations in Area IV include camps Henry, George and Walker and K-2 Air Base in Daegu, Camp Carroll in Waegwan, Chinhae Naval Fleet Activity, and Gwangju Air Base. Other installations include the Pusan Storage Facility and Pier 8 in Busan.

Camp Hialeah in Busan is scheduled for closure in summer 2006.

The Area IV Support Activity is responsible for providing base operations services for about 10,000 people who live and work on Army installations from Daejeon south to Busan. Area IV is the largest of the Army's four geographic regions in the ROK comprising about 10,000 square miles.

The Area IV Support Activity headquarters is located on Camp Henry in Daegu, which is also home to Camps Walker and George. Daegu is the third largest

city in Korea with a population of about 2.5 million, and is located about 180 miles south of Seoul.

Camp Henry is located on 51 acres in the Nam-gu District. The camp primarily consists of administrative buildings and community facilities to support the major tenant commands. It is home to the Area IV Support Activity and the 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

Facilities on the installation include an Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shoppette and food court, Henry's Place, Fit-to-Win Center, auto craft shop, movie theater, Army Community Services, Education Center, Digital Training Facility, and Butler buildings for exercise participants.

In December 2004, a new 232-person junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks opened featuring all new furniture and other amenities.

Area IV was a Department of the Army finalist in the Army Community of Excellence Program in 2000, 2002, and 2003. It has received 12 Department of the Army and 8th U.S. Army ACOE awards since the program was created in 1988, and the Daegu enclave was named the Army's best small overseas installation that year. Area IV Support Activity was also named the winner of Department of the Army Community Relations Award for Excellence in 2004 for its efforts to build ties with the Korean

## Major housing improvements on horizon

### Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP HENRY** – Families moving to Area IV will benefit from an array of improvements that have significantly upgraded on- and off-post living conditions for Soldiers, civilian employees and their family members.

The Area IV Housing Division is currently in the planning stage for a mid-rise housing complex at Camp Walker that will create 360 new apartments. The complex will replace 40 single-story Army Family Housing duplexes.

Construction of the five 15-story buildings is projected to start in January 2007, according to Chuck Youngblood, chief, Area IV Housing Division.

"We are looking to complete the construction and initial move-in by December of '08," he said.

The buildings, which will be located near the golf course, would house three-, four-, and five-bedroom units. The smallest would measure 1,700 square feet and the largest 2,250 square feet.

Each building will feature underground parking that allows each family to have two reserved spots big enough for American-sized SUVs. Also, families will have their own storage rooms in the underground, large enough to store a bicycle along with appliance boxes.

The project would be in the "built-to-lease" category, meaning the developer, not the Army, would pay to build the complex at its own expenses. The Army then would lease the units from the contractor, in the form of rents.

The complex will resemble the new housing developments at Camp Humphreys and Yongsan Garrison's South Post, according to Youngblood.

"Ours won't be the same, though," he said. "We have and we still are looking for ways to make our project better."

The Area IV Housing Division also oversees Mountain View Village on Camp George. The 10-building, 200-apartment family housing complex is slated to undergo a major renovation.



# Variety of medical, dental, veterinary services available

## Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP HENRY** – Area IV installations offer comprehensive medical and dental services for Soldiers, civilian employees and eligible family members.

Camp Walker features Wood U.S. Army Health Clinic that provides primary care to eligible personnel of all ages. Services include general adult and family medicine, routine gynecology, optometry, prenatal care, management of common orthopedic injuries, minor surgery, immunization and individual counseling.

For conditions that require more intensive care, the clinic refers patients to the appropriate specialist at the 121st General Hospital on Yongsan Garrison, or one of its local sister hospitals off post. The clinic has signed a memorandum of understanding with Dongsan Hospital and Hyosung Women’s University Hospital in Daegu.

The Urgent Care Area within the clinic provides initial treatment, stabilization and preparation for evacuation in emergencies. The UCA is open 24 hours a day and is staffed with a medic on site and a health care provider on call. Routine examinations are available by appointment only.

Bodine Dental Clinic, also on Camp Walker, has been completely renovated with its grand reopening ceremony Jan. 6, 2006. The renovation expanded the clinic to 8,000 square feet from 4,800, modernized the facility and brought in state-of-the-art dental equipment. Digital radiography (offering real-time image and less X-ray exposure per view), a high-tech dental laboratory, and programmable dental chairs that accept either left- or right-handed operators, are among key upgrades.

The clinic provides general dentistry services and



CPL. PARK KWANG-MO

*Capt. Ken Jo (left) and assistant Spc. Maria Li, both from 618th Dental Company, treat a patient at the newly renovated Bodine Dental Clinic on Camp Walker.*

some specialty services on an appointment basis. Exam, sick call and emergency services are also provided. Priority of care is to active-duty servicemembers.

The clinic has twelve dental treatment rooms, three general dentists, one prosthodontist, and one hygienist. In addition, two specialists, a pedodontist and an orthodontist from Yongsan Garrison, perform recurring TDY missions on a scheduled basis to support the Area IV community.

For family members of active duty and eligible beneficiaries who are other than active duty, routine scheduled care is limited or non-existent and determined by space availability and priority of care. The clinic currently provides annual exams and some dental services to command sponsored family members.

For the majority of dental services, most family members of active duty are referred to the

TRICARE Overseas Dental Plan. Treatment is performed by affiliated, off-post, Korean dental care providers. Contact the clinic for detailed information or check out the Web site at <http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/> and click on 618th Dental.

The medical clinic at Camp Carroll provides the same types of services, but on a smaller scale. The clinic refers patients needing unavailable services to the 121st General Hospital and the two Daegu area sister hospitals.

Camp Carroll has a dental clinic with four chairs, a dentist and a hygienist. The clinic offers general dentistry services on an appointment basis and exam, sick call and emergency care. It is located in Building S-137, next to the bowling center.

Health services for pets are also available in Area IV. The Camp Walker Veterinary Clinic provides various pet vaccinations for modest fees, along with other services including minor surgery and health checks for certification needed to travel out of country. Pets are seen on an appointment basis except for emergencies at both clinics. More severe cases are referred to the Yongsan Veterinary Clinic in Seoul.

A “Doggie Day Care” facility is adjacent to and operated by the Camp Walker Army Lodge. The Self-Serve Pet Kennel includes three 25-foot kennels for large dogs and six cages for smaller dogs and cats. There is no charge to use the first-come, first-served facility.

The 168th Medical Battalion operates the medical clinics in Area IV and the dental clinics are run by the 618th Dental Company. The vet clinic is operated by the 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary).



## Programs, services enhance Area IV quality of life

### Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP HENRY** – Soldiers, civilian employees and family members moving to Area IV installations will find many of the same community services they enjoyed in the United States. The programs and services are designed to provide a high quality of life for residents.

Area IV Army community service centers, located at camps Henry and Carroll, provide an abundance of services to assist families. Among them are the Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building, Employment Readiness, Exceptional Family Member Program, Family Advocacy Program, Army Volunteer Corps, Deployment and Mobilization Program, Financial Readiness, and Relocation Assistance.

Additionally, ACS offices provide other services to include a lending closet, crafts and cooking classes, English as a Second Language, beginning Korean language, information and referral services, and special events such as Spouse Appreciation Day and Military Family Month activities. All Area IV ACSs host a monthly Newcomer's Orientation and tours of the local Korean community.

The ACS satellite center at Camp Carroll operates the Apple Blossom Cottage, that serves as a "home away from home" for family members. The facility has a large screen television, all the amenities normally associated with a home and a vast array of video tapes with family themes. Patrons can also cook, bake and relax in a home-type environment. They can even watch television while doing laundry.

While ACS meets the needs of adults, the Child & Youth Services programs at camps Walker and George are available for children and youth from six weeks to 18 years old. The programs include sports and recreation, the Middle School-Teen Program, School-Age Services and Child Development Services.

The CDC on Camp George promotes the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children. The program emphasizes the importance of developing socialization skills and encourages children to learn through active exploration and interaction with adults and other children.

The Camp George CDC provides full-day, part-day, and hourly care based on availability. Full-day care provides developmental services that meet the needs of working parents, who require childcare five to 11 hours per day on a regular basis. Part-day care is offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday when Taegu American School is in session. Hourly care is intended for parents who need short-term child care on an intermittent basis. It is not intended to replace full- or part-time care.

Many families with small children opt to hire a Korean nanny to care for their children in their home. It is relatively inexpensive and the nannies often have experience caring for American children.

In addition to CDC services, the CYS offers School-Age Services and Middle School and Teen Services. School-Age Services are available for Taegu American School students from kindergarten through fifth grade. The after-school program offers the children a choice between entertainment, homework and computer, creative arts, 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs of America programs and playground activities. Transportation is provided to and from the SAS at Camp Walker.

For middle school youth and teens there are many activities offered through Taegu American School and the Middle School and Teen Programs located at Camp Walker. Activities include an after-school homework club, 4-H Clubs, Torch and Keystone Clubs, "Club Beyond" that ministers to youth's spiritual needs, leadership workshops/camps, trips,



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*Pfc. Park Yong-kam (left) and Pvt. Kim Pil-koo, both from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), shoot a game of pool at the newly renovated Community Activities Center on Camp Walker. The facility reopened May 20, 2005, following a \$1.5 million, top-to-bottom renovation.*

dances, and special events such as lock-ins, and summer programs.

In the sports arena, CYS offers basketball, baseball, softball and soccer for youth in Daegu and Camp Carroll. The swim team at Camp Walker makes extensive use of both the indoor and outdoor pools.

A Department of Defense Dependents' School is located on Camp George. The Taegu American School serves grades kindergarten through 12 and has an enrollment of about 700 students. It offers a wide variety of sports programs including soccer, football, wrestling, cross-country, basketball and volleyball. Other extracurricular activities include cheerleading yearbook, newspaper, drama, student council, National Honor Society and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

For adults, Army education centers on camps Henry and Carroll offer a variety of educational and training programs.

The education centers offer an MOS reference library, military correspondence courses, computer and multimedia laboratory with Internet access, and self-development programs. Testing services include DANTES and CLEP tests, national certification exams, and Army personnel testing.

Functional Academic Skills Training and MOS improvement training is provided for Soldier development.

Central Texas College, the University of Maryland University College and the University of Phoenix give soldiers an opportunity to earn a college degree. CTC offers associate degree and certificate programs, UMUC offers associate and bachelor degree programs, and the University of Phoenix offers a master's in management program in a classroom environment. Additionally, distance education classes at all levels are available from a variety of accredited colleges and universities.

Digital training facilities at camps Carroll and Henry offer more than 600 Military Occupational Specialty and specialty training courses through the Distance Learning Program using multi-media technologies such as computers, the Internet, CD-ROM and video tele-training.

The Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities to fill your off-duty hours.

MWR facilities on Camp Henry include Henry's Place restaurant and club, the Fit-to-Win Center, and auto crafts shop. Camp Walker has the Evergreen Community Club and Golf Course, Brass Apple Annex club, Hilltop Club, Bowling Center, Kelly Fitness Center, indoor and outdoor pools, plus the recently renovated Community Activities Center with a library, and the arts and crafts shop.

The immensely popular nine-hole Evergreen Golf Course received a nearly \$4 million makeover in 2003. Improvements were made to the greens, sand traps, drainage and irrigation systems. Additionally, a pond with an island hole was constructed behind the Walker Army Lodge. The facility also has a driving range, practice bunkers and putting greens, as well as a pro shop.

MWR facilities on Camp Carroll include the Hideaway Club, Bowling Center, Community Activities Center, library, fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, and a miniature golf course.

The \$8.1 million Camp Carroll Fitness Center opened in December 2003. The 46,000-square-foot facility features two full-size basketball courts, four racquetball courts, separate Nautilus and free weight rooms, a cardiovascular fitness room equipped with treadmills, cross trainers and exercise bicycles, an aerobics room, locker rooms and an equipment room.

Planned improvements also include a new Community Club with sit-down dining; a 12-lane bowling center; a new heated outdoor pool with water slide, diving area, kiddie pool and picnic and volleyball areas. Also on tap is a total renovation of the multi-purpose Storey Athletic Field to include improved drainage, artificial-turf, new lighting, and fencing.

Area IV also offers a variety of lodging facilities for transient Soldiers, civilian employees and their families. The Walker Army Lodge is a three-story, 60-room, \$8.5 million facility that opened in 2002. Standard rooms and suites are available. Construction for a 50-room Army lodge at Camp Carroll began November 2004 and it is scheduled for completion in June 2006.

Other lodges in Area IV include the 24-room Camp Walker Army Lodging Annex next to Kelly Fitness Center and the 16-room Camp Carroll Army Lodge.



## Housing

Improvements will include the installation of elevators in every building with an expected completion date of June 2006. In addition, two new playgrounds are in the works and an automated teller machine is slated for installation next to the Camp George Community Room Summer 2006.

However, according to the Housing Division, the most significant change the renovation will bring is the alteration of building structure that will reduce the number of housing units in each building, while increasing the average living space of the units.

"This is a total restructuring of the buildings," Youngblood said. "Currently, we have 20 housing units in each building ranging from two to four bedrooms. With the renovation, we are getting rid of two-bedroom units and bringing in five-bedroom units to meet the size of our families today."

The renovation is scheduled to begin in 2006 and will commence in phases. The Housing Division estimates that it will take two-and-a-half to four years to complete the project.

In addition to improving comfort inside the apartments, the Housing Division's ongoing Senior Occupant Program provides building liaisons to

address health and safety concerns at Mountain View Village and Camp Walker housing areas. A mayoral program, that addresses a much broader range of well-being issues kicked off in 2004.

There is no family housing available at Camp Carroll.

Even in the midst of major family housing improvements, unaccompanied and single Soldiers housing has not been neglected. A comprehensive barracks upgrade program is systematically making dramatic quality-of-life improvements for single and unaccompanied Soldiers who live on Area IV installations. Several barracks and officers' quarters have recently been renovated and construction of new barracks has been completed as well.

On Camp Henry, a new 232-person junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks opened December 2004, featuring all new furniture and other amenities. Also, five single Soldiers' barracks that previously housed personnel from 20th Support Area Group, who recently moved to Camp Carroll, are under renovation.

On Camp Walker, several existing single junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks and bachelor officers' reopened between June 2004 and



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Charles Youngblood, chief of the Area IV Support Activity Housing Division, holds the new elevator in Building "C" at Camp George for Chief Warrant Officer Cameron Brown, his wife Anastasia, and seven-month-old Christian. The Browns, who live on the fourth floor of the five-story building, took the inaugural ride on one of three elevators christened Sept. 23, 2005. Elevators were also opened in Camp George buildings "B" and "D." Elevators in the remaining buildings are scheduled for completion Summer 2006 at the Mountain View Housing Area.

February 2005 following renovation.

In March 2005, the construction of two 216-person junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks was completed at Camp Carroll. In addition, three barracks upgrade projects were completed in 2004.

"Right now, most of the junior

enlisted Soldiers' barracks in Area IV, as well as in the other areas in Korea, have two-plus-two configurations," Youngblood said. "We are working hard to have that changed to the one-plus-one standard, like the barracks in the states, to give the Soldiers more private space."

## Communities

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community.

Camp Walker is located about one-half mile southwest of Camp Henry on a 194-acre parcel below scenic Apsan Park. The camp provides mainly community support activities to the enclave and housing to 100 military and civilian families. The northernmost portion of the installation is home to the H-805 Heliport and the central portion is devoted to recreational use, including the Evergreen Golf Course, Kelly Fitness Center and Kelly Field. Family and unaccompanied housing dominate the southern portion of the installation and AAFES facilities occupy the east side.

Major tenant units assigned to Camp Walker include the 36th Signal Battalion, 168th Medical Battalion, 188th Military Police Company and the Taegu affiliate of the American Forces Network-Korea.

Facilities include the AAFES Post Exchange and food court, commissary, military clothing sales store, shoppette, gas station, car care center, Evergreen Community Club and Golf Course, Hilltop Club, bowling center, Kelly Fitness Center, indoor pool, Community Activities Center and library, Youth Services, Wood U.S. Army Health Clinic, Bodine Dental Clinic, veterinary clinic, Apple Tree Gift Shop, Soldiers Memorial Chapel, Walker Army Lodge, and more.

Camp George is located on 47 acres and is less than one-quarter mile west of Camp Henry. It is home to Mountain View Village (a 198-unit apartment complex leased from the Korean National Housing Corporation), Taegu American School, Child Development Center, Family Life Center and a shoppette.

Taegu American School recently broke



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Panamanian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Dr. Daniel Abrego, and Yolanda Greer, wife of Leo Greer, Camp Walker Lodge manager, dance to Hispanic tunes during a Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off celebration at the Camp Walker Library.

ground for a \$6.4 million replacement project that is slated for completion in August 2007. The project will include a new 26,200-square-foot, two-story building. In addition, the existing gym will be expanded by 2,900 square feet.

The Republic of Korea's K-2 Air Base, located on the east side of the city adjacent to the Daegu International Airport, is home to Company E, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and the U.S. Air Force's 607th Support Squadron, that provides all support services for its Army counterpart. It has a bowling center, theater, and an AAFES Mini-Mall, shoppette and snack bar, and fitness center.

Camp Carroll lies 22 miles northwest of Daegu in the Nakdong Valley and consists of 495 acres in Waegwan. It primarily houses Army prepositioned stocks and battalion-size units.

Major tenants include the U.S. Army

Materiel Support Center-Korea, 20th Area Support Group, Army Field Support Battalion – Northeast Asia, 6th Ordnance Battalion, 16th Medical Logistics Battalion, Defense Distribution Depot – Korea (DLA) and the 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion.

Facilities on the installation include an AAFES Post Exchange and food court, commissary, military clothing sales store, Hideaway Club, bowling center, Community Activities Center, library, indoor pool, mini-golf course, Army Community Services, Education Center, and a Digital Training Facility.

The installation features an \$8.1 million Fitness Center, which opened in December 2003. The 46,000-square-foot facility features two full-size basketball courts, four racquetball courts, separate Nautilus and free weight rooms, a cardiovascular fitness room equipped with treadmills, cross-trainers and exercise bicycles, an aerobics room, locker rooms and an equipment room. In March 2005, the renovated AAFES Food Court opened featuring Popeye's Chicken, Subway sandwich shop, Pizza Hut and an expanded Baskin Robbins Ice Cream outlet.

Construction for a 50-room Army lodge began November 2004 and it is scheduled for completion in June 2006. Planned improvements also include a new community club with sit-down dining; a 12-lane bowling center; a new heated outdoor pool with water slide, diving area, kiddie pool and picnic and volleyball areas. Also on tap is a total renovation of the multi-purpose Storey Athletic Field to include improved drainage, artificial-turf, new lighting and fencing.